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DAKOS MISSES OUT

Makedonia back on top of the ladder



The men of Preston-Makedonia celebrate their return to the top of the NSL ladder. From left: player-coach Peter Orlerton, Gary Ward, Claude Lucchesi and David Jones. Makedonia beat Brisbane

Lions 3-1 in Brisbane at the weekend, with Ward and Lucchesi scoring, and Jones forcing an own goal from Barry Kelso. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

HAKOAH STARTS TO DISMANTLE

The dismantling of Sydney City Hakoah started when the club placed Socceros captain John Kosmina and his fellow striker David Mitchell on the transfer list last week.

In addition, midfielders Ian Souness and Nello Borges have been refused new contracts.

These measures have been taken, according to club spokesmen, because Hakoah has exceeded its budget and could gain no more from sponsorship.

Speculation about Hakoah withdrawing permanently from the National League have been rife since the club pulled out late last year but was persuaded to return almost immediately.

Most of the players now are convinced that this will be Hakoah's last year in top company, despite frenzied efforts by club members with soccer at heart to ward off this possibility.

An action group has been formed to help keep Hakoah's soccer team alive, and there has been talk of a court injunction to prevent the current administration from selling off the top players.

Hakoah coach, Eddie Thomson, asked whether the transfer-listing of Kosmina and Mitchell had opened up the floodgates to extinction, said: "Maybe, maybe... but we're not giving up hope."

Mitchell, in answer to the same question, said: "Oh yeah, there doesn't seem to be any doubt now..."

APIA-Leichhardt made a \$50,000 package-deal offer for Mitchell and Kosmina, but both remain under contract to Hakoah — Kosmina until the



David Mitchell

end of 1984 — so neither is obliged to move.

If they do, then Hakoah will save on their wages as well as collect the \$50,000.

But Kosmina is particularly reluctant.

"I'd prefer to stay on until the end of the year. I talked to APIA, but I wasn't happy with what they offered me. Why should I take a cut in wages? I've just bought a new house and started a new job. Also, I'm not too happy with my form, so I'd prefer not to have any upheavals."

Mitchell said he would be happy to hear offers from Melbourne Heidelberg is interested in him, and Mitchell has good friends in Heidelberg players Don Macleod, John Spanos and Ian McKie.

Mitchell joined Adelaide City from Enfield Victoria, and he will turn 21 on June 13 — the morning after Australia's night match against England in Sydney. Mitchell is in the national squad, along with Kosmina.

Souness, a former NSW Best under 21 player, has been playing for Hakoah without a contract so far this year.

Borges has just returned from a long holiday in his

native Brazil and because Hakoah will not give him a contract, Adelaide City has made approaches to buy him.

Asked how he felt about the prospect of losing Kosmina and Mitchell, coach Thomson said:

"The only way the club could get money was to sell players, and Kosmina and Mitchell are the ones for whom it could get the most money. But they don't have to go if they don't want to, and I certainly wouldn't drop them. In my opinion they're the best two forwards in the League."

"Arsenal had to sell Brady and Stapleton. These things happen in soccer."

Asked what he thought Hakoah's future was in soccer, he said:

"Look, we hear something different every day — that we're to disband, that we're going amateur, that we're just going to lay low with a less expensive team for a few years. I don't know. But the court injunction to stop the club selling players appears a waste of time."

"The social club isn't doing too well either. Had that not been the case, this situation may not have eventuated at all."

"The club tried a lot of schemes designed to get people through the gates, but none of them worked. Now they figure what's the use of bashing your head against a brick wall?"

Thomson agreed that the turmoil behind the scenes had affected his team.

"When rumors surround the players about the place closing down, they can't be at their best. The rumors have affected me too."

"I've had a long talk with them, and told them to just play the game and forget the politics."

Vlietstra to fight off the Mexicans

Ray Vlietstra almost certainly will be the Australian stopper for the opening game against Youth Championships at the Aztec Stadium tomorrow (Thursday).

Tony Dakos (Sydney Olympic) was used in that position in both warm-up games in Costa Rica and although his performances pleased Les Scheinflug, it was quite obvious that the understanding Vlietstra had established with sweeper Tommy McCulloch (Marconi) was missing.

The result was that McCulloch was drawn out of position several times in the match against Cartago, making the defence look suspect and very jittery.

Vlietstra, of Wollongong, has resumed his partnership with McCulloch at training, where Scheinflug invariably uses his likely starting lineup against a team made up of the rest of the squad (seven players), the coaching staff and sometimes one or two of the reporters.

The team he has stuck to since we arrived back from Costa Rica has been: Anthony Franken, Ralph Maier, McCulloch, Vlietstra, Roy Jones, Jim Patkas, Russell Stewart, Fab Incantalupo, Rod Brown, David Lowe and Frank Farina.

Franken of the Sports Institute, appears to have won the goalkeeping spot from Chris Hummel (Canberra) following his sound performance against Cartago, in which he pulled off a magnificent save after 15 minutes and grew in confidence from then on.

Juventus winger Fab Incantalupo was left out of the starting line-up against Cartago to give Steve Glockner, the Brisbane City striker, a chance to prove his worth. But in order to accommodate Glockner, Scheinflug had to move David Lowe to a wide position and switch Farina from the right to the left wing. Both Lowe and Farina were well below par in the new positions, so Scheinflug quickly reverted back to the old formation, bringing Incantalupo on at half time.

At training, Lowe and fellow striker Rod Brown have been shooting strongly and doing well in one-on-one situations.

So spirit in the team is quite high despite Australia's ordinary results in Costa Rica.

Scheinflug has refused to take a pessimistic view of the two games, adding that travelling and accommodation problems are part and parcel of any tour and that the main purpose of the trip — to give the boys a solid workout — was achieved.

Sub-standard organisation and accommodation hassles have formed the main stories of the trip so far. On arrival in Mexico City, the now-infamous Prim Hotel started the ball rolling. The first evening meal for the players there was like warm tomato soup, a small piece of chicken schnitzel and four or five chips as the main course, and a cold custard with suspicious-looking black.

The bill was \$3.20 per person — falling 30¢ short of the allow-



Ray Vlietstra
ance made by FIFA for every player.

Mexico is going through a terrible inflationary period in which the exchange rate shot up from four to five pesos to the dollar seven years ago to 75 pesos two years ago and now a massive 147 pesos to the dollar.

Ten dollars buys you a top meal. A cab ride across town costs you two dollars and a name brand of top-quality leather shoes costs around 12 bucks.

Taking the initiative and moving the players to the more comfortable Krystal Hotel was a sensible exercise. The team will stay there even if FIFA refuses to cancel the Australians' booking at the Prim, now that the Association has taken over the running of the show (from May 29.)

Tony Dakos
But if the Prim Hotel was sub-standard, the first hotel to which we were allotted for our short stay in Costa Rica was not fit for animals, let alone a team of top athletes expected to perform at their best in a world championship.

The Cayuga Hotel was a throw-back to the early 1900's, as were the furniture and the musty smell.

The players had to go to the dining room for lunch, while alternative accommodation was arranged. Most of them ate the steak and chips with trepidation. It is a wonder no-one suffered from gastro-enteritis the following day.

Matches

The two matches in Costa Rica provided little that would have scared Mexico's coach

From Soccer "Action" correspondent
KNUT WERNER
in Mexico

Mario Velarde who made a special trip to Costa Rica to study the Socceros.

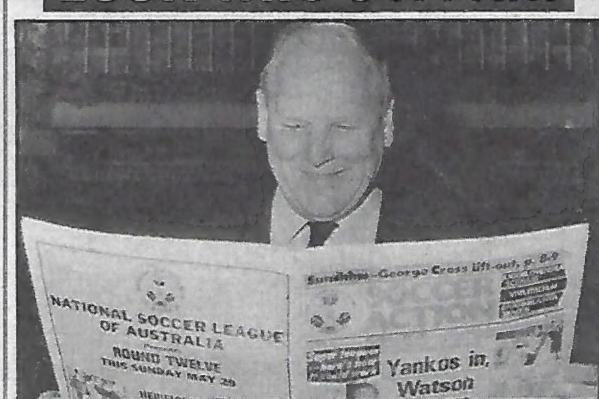
Rod Brown headed a corner from Farina after 31 minutes to give the Socceros the lead against Puntarenas and David Lowe made it 2-0 with an angled shot after running onto a through pass from Jim Patkas.

But the players' legs gave out in the second half and had we hung on for even a draw, it would have been an injustice to the local team which had done all the running.

For the record, the Puntarenas goalscorers were: Ricardo Garcia, in the 58th, Gerardo Gutierrez (67th), and Jann Villegas (54th).

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LOOK WHO'S A FAN!



Former England manager turned immediately to Australia's most popular soccer paper in order to study the local scene. Greenwood, here to help publicise the three-match Australia v England series starting on June 12, came to Melbourne after having visited Sydney, Brisbane and Canberra. See page 6.
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Roberto Bettega



Dino Zoff

Magath tops, Platini deserved penalty



Horst Hrubesch

End for Hrubesch, Zoff, Bettega as HSV beats 'Jure'

By LAURIE SCHWAB

HAMBURGER SV 1 (Magath 8th.) JUVENTUS 0 at Olympic Stadium, Athens. Crowd about 75,000. Referee Nicolae Rainea (Rumania) 6. Cautions: Rolff, Bonini, Groh, Cabrini.

JUVENTUS: Dino Zoff 7 — Gaetano Scirea 7, Claudio Gentile 6, Sergio Briò 6, Antonio Cabrini 8 — Massimo Bonini 6 — Michel Platini 6, Marco Tardelli 5, Zbigniew Boniek 8 — Roberto Bettega 5, Paolo Rossi 5 (Domenico Marchionni 4, 55th. min.)

HAMBURGER SV: Uli Stein 8 — Manfred Kartz 8, Dittmar Jakobs 8, Holger Hieronymus 8, Bernd Wehmeyer 8 — Wolfgang Rolff 9, Felix Magath 9, Jurgen Groh 8, Jurgen Milewski 7 — Lars Bastrop 8 (Jurek 5, 55th.), Horst Hrubesch 5.

Cheers for Hamburg — the glory of the Uwe Seeler days have been revived. Tears for Juventus whose \$7 million team building has failed to bag either the Italian championship or the European Cup.

But this final was a historic one for different reasons — sentimental ones, for it marked the end of an era for three staunch club stalwarts.

Roberto Bettega is off to Canada to join Toronto Blizzard. Horst Hrubesch is negotiating with Standard Liege and that soccer freak, Dino Zoff, now 41, ends his days as Juventus goalkeeper.

Juventus has offered Zoff a new contract — not as a player, but rather as part of the coaching staff.

It was a shame perhaps that Zoff and Bettega couldn't have gone out on top of the world, but in the end it was up to their team mates, and they simply couldn't back it this time.

Zbigniew Boniek and Antonio Cabrini tried as hard as they could — Boniek in the second half, rather than the first — but the rest couldn't come to terms with having to take the initiative and create meaningful attacks after Hamburg had gone to the lead with a spectacular

long-range shot by Felix Magath in the eighth minute.

Magath was given so much confidence by that goal that he set about running the game, together with his midfield cohort Wolfgang Rolff.

HSV — that's the handle Hamburg goes by in Germany — had the break it wanted. Secure in its lead, it was able to concentrate on maintaining its team plan, whereas Juventus changed its approach, its attitude and its options so many times that its players started to confuse themselves as well as their team mates.

What really amazed me was that Juventus refused to tackle in the midfield.

How many times did we see Hamburg moving forward via up to 10 uninterrelated passes without a challenge — the Italians preferring to funnel back rather than challenge for the ball!

Remember the movement just after half time, capped by a cross from Bernd Wehmeyer, the left back, which was just a little too high for Lars Bastrop who took a leap in the goal area?

Perhaps the star syndrome had something to do with Juventus's performance. From the start, appeared that to the Italians, it was enough just to have big stars like Bettega, Platini, Boniek, Rossi, Tardelli, Scirea etc. etc. in the team. They'd done it all. They'd done it again this time. To hell with the opposition!

But the stars simply were beaten — especially in midfield.

Massimo Bonini hung back as a "watchman" in front of the defence, leaving Platini, Tardelli and Boniek to run the game for Juventus.

Tardelli was off his game, leaving only Boniek and Platini.

Platini became interested only when the play got to the edge of the area, leaving only Boniek as an effective midfielder. Boniek prevented a Hamburg goal when he cleared off the line from Manfred Kartz in the 14th.

minute, and got involved in every forward move during the second half, but one man wasn't enough against a hard-working quartet of Rolff, Magath, Jurgen Groh and Jurgen Milewski, the left flanker who faded a little after a good first half.

Bettega came deep looking for the ball in the first half, but was ineffective apart from a dangerous bouncing header in the seventh minute. Paolo Rossi, top scorer and best player of the 1982 World Cup, was marked so efficiently by Dittmar Jakobs and Holger Hieronymus who took turns on him, that he was replaced just after half time by Domenico Marchionni.

Perhaps that was a mistake. Rossi often manages to score even though he may have been inconspicuous for long periods.

Defensively, the Germans were far superior. Whereas Hamburg's stoppers nullified the Juventus forwards, the Italians weren't as good in that department. Sergio Briò in particular had a horrid night against Lars Bastrop who presented the Italians with all sorts of problems until he had to come off due to injury. Even then, his replacement, Thomas von Heesen, managed to emerge as the best forward on the field.

Horst Hrubesch wasn't nearly as prominent, however. In fact, had it not been his last game, and were he not the captain, he probably would have been replaced.

Claudio Gentile's renowned toughness and ball-winning ability were never in evidence, but full marks to Cabrini's attacking flair and the hard work of libero Gaetano Scirea.

But Hamburg won this game, and so on to Hamburg's strengths.

Width was one of its foremost assets.

That width was provided by full backs Manfred Wehmeyer, plus midfielders Rolff and, in the first half, Milewski.

Dedication to duty was another strength. Concentration in all tasks, attacking and defensive, never wavered.

But in fairness to Juventus, it deserved a penalty.

Platini had lobbed goalkeeper Uli Stein at close quarters, and as Platini turned to chase the ball past the keeper, Stein pushed him out of the way before leaving back to grab the ball.

A more obvious penalty could not have been presented to referee Nicolae Rainea who thus marred an otherwise competent display.

Finally, some plaudits for Zoff, that greatest of Italian goalkeepers — that living legend who ranks with Spain's Zamora and the USSR's Yashin. He went out quietly conceding a goal, and saving only one good try from Groh in the 78th minute.

So long Dino. No-one has so long a glorious reign at the top. So long Bettega, so long Hrubesch. All good things are transitory.

PAUL MOON profiles two of the Scottish stars who will meet Australia in the World Youth Championships in Mexico on June 5.

Black a danger to Roos

Few eyebrows will be raised should Scottish striker Eric Black notch a goal or two in the Coca Cola Cup for it would be regarded as nothing more than an appropriate end to a remarkable season for the teenager.

Before the start of the 1982-83 campaign, Black had just 10 league games and three goals to his credit, but now can look back upon an abundance of goals in senior football, including a hat-trick at Parkhead (becoming the first non-Celtic player to achieve this feat since 1969), the opener in Aberdeen's Cup Winners' Cup triumph, and the Scottish Cup final winner.

Yet, as a schoolboy, he had no professional aspirations. Even when playing for the Scotland schools selection in 1980, Black's stated ambition was to become a physical education instructor.

One of his teachers at Ainslie Academy near Invergardan appreciated the boy's potential, though and phoned Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson to inform him.

Ferguson travelled to see Black and signed him on a schoolboy's form upon the strength of just one performance.

Today, Ferguson positively drools about his young striker, exclaiming: "His ability is breathtaking, particularly in the air, some of his headers hit the net like most player's shots. All he has to do is maintain his dedication to go all the way to the top."

Although only 5'9" tall, Black has the ability to "hang" in the air to execute headers. This, and exceptional pace, are his major attributes. He is obviously a player who is going to be particularly wary of in Mexico.



Eric Black

Biggest win since 1903, thanks to Bryan Robson

By LES SHORROCK

MANCHESTER UNITED 4 (Robson 25th & 44th., Whiteside 29th., Muehlen pen. 61st) BRIGHTON 0. English F.A. Cup final replay at Wembley Stadium, London. Crowd: 100,000. Referee: Alf Grey 5.

MANCHESTER UNITED: Bailey 8, Duxbury 7, Moran 6, McQueen 7, Albiston 9, Robson 9, Wilkins 6, Muehlen 7, Davies 7, Stapleton 8, Whiteside 7. Manager: Ron Atkinson.

BRIGHTON: Moseley 6, Gattling 6, Stevens 8, Foster 6, Pearce 6, Smillie 6, Graeish 5, Cse 9, Howlett 6 (Sub Ryan 74th), Robinson 8, Smith 5. Manager: Jimmy Melia.

Brave Brighton was buried under a Manchester United goal avalanche on

Thursday night, but to its eternal credit, never gave up right up to the closing minutes, when the ever-alert Gary Bailey thwarted two good attempts at a consolation goal.

Brighton manager, Jimmy Melia, was set a selection poser with the return from suspension of Steve Foster, and the injury to regular right back Chris Ramsay, and in the end decided to return Foster to the heart of the defence and switch left-footed Steve Gattling to right back.

It could have been the biggest blunder of his career, for Foster never dominated as man-of-the-match Gary Stevens had on the Saturday and Gattling, who had swept up superbly in the first game, was all at sea on the right with the result that United's left side ran riot.

The opening 20 minutes gave no hint of the final score. Indeed, Brighton started off in such sprightly fashion that it looked as though we were in for another close encounter, with even extra time a possibility.

Brighton was on top, had forced the first corner and had made three scoring chances when United surged down the left, and a delightful triangular interchange between Arthur Albiston, Ian Davies and Bryan Robson ended with Davies laying the ball back into the path of Robson, who drove it firmly past Graham Moseley, who could have been unsighted. That was in the 25th minute, and the goal stalled Brighton through the heart, but worse was to come.

Four minutes later, United won a corner, and as the ball came over from the right, Gordon McQueen, whose ponderous presence was so unsettling in his opponent's penalty area, blatantly fouled Gordon Smith and sent him sprawling, and Davies' cross found Whiteside completely unattended to head past Moseley.

Referee Alf Grey who had a dreadful game was badly at fault there, and as on Saturday, when he allowed Whiteside's horrendous foul on Ramsay to go unpunished and led to a goal, his lack of control had put the cup out of reach for the Seagulls.

Or had he? Brighton refused to lie down, and the indefatigable Jimmy Case, who himself had been allowed to get away with some biting challenges on Saturday without being punished, almost pulled one back for Brighton in the 41st minute.

Case pounced on a ball outside the box and let fly with one of his famous thunderbolts, which hit the unfortunate Kevin Moran and was looping over Gary Bailey's head, when the goalkeeper, back-peddling desperately, acrobatically tipped the ball over the bar.

The crowd was still digesting this electrifying piece of action as United swept downfield again, and Frank Stapleton, shaking off two challenges, squared the ball to the far post, where Robson banged it home from close range for United's third goal.

That killed gallant Brighton, who trudged off the park at half-time 3-0 down when it could so easily have been across Stevens' head, when the goalkeeper, back-peddling desperately, acrobatically tipped the ball over the bar.

Sixteen minutes into the second half, the roof fell in as United was awarded a penalty, and it was another controversial decision by referee Grey.

Robson, reading the game superbly as ever, had made a long run into the heart of Brighton's defence and was getting the better of Gary Stevens when the defender appeared to pull him back. Red flag linesman Colin Downey flagged, and referee Grey, who had been left behind by Robson's burst, blew for the penalty. What neither Downey nor Grey appeared to notice was that Robson himself had run behind by Robson's burst, and impeded him first.

In the absence of Steve Coppell, United's regular penalty-taker, Arnold Muehlen coolly stepped up and poked-faded as ever, slotted the ball calmly past Moseley and the match moved into the realms of a staccato's delight.

It was the biggest winning margin since 1903 when Bury thumped six past Derby County, and it was the biggest score since 1953, when Blackpool beat Bolton Wanderers 4-3.

Muehlen's was the seventh Cup-Final penalty. None has been missed. It was Ron Atkinson's first major trophy for United, and the first United had won for six years, ample revenge for missing out in the Milk Cup-Final, and with a fitting sense of timing, it all happened on Sir Matt Busby's 74th birthday. But above all, the two games together gave us three and a half hours of exhilarating football that made it the best Cup-final in the last 20 years, with hardly a dull moment.

They say you get nothing for coming second, but as Brighton slides into next year's Second Division it must be consoled not only by the fact that it gave football fans all round the world superb entertainment, but also by its share of the colossal gate takings of nearly \$4 million which will give it a springboard to bounce back into the top division again.

McBeckenbauer

To compare an inexperienced 19 year old with the great Franz Beckenbauer normally would provoke accusations of stretching journalistic licence to breaking point, however mere scribes are not alone in noting an almost uncanny resemblance in the styles of Beckenbauer and Scotland youth star Neale Cooper.

Indeed, "Der Kaiser" himself is amongst Cooper's foremost admirers. When on a spying mission for SV Hamburg last season, he stated: "Cooper is so cool and composed, he always knows exactly what he is doing, never in a hurry."

Cool, composed, unhurried — that description was applied to the former West German captain throughout his career, and it came as no surprise to learn that he was the young Aberdeen's boyhood hero.

But Cooper denies that he consciously copied Beckenbauer. "How can anybody copy a player with such immense individual skill?", but adds, "If people say I remind them of him, I can only take it as the highest possible compliment."

Although born in India, where his father was a tea planter, Cooper long has been devoted to the Aberdeen cause and, when nine years old, served as a ball boy at Pittodrie Stadium.

Therefore, when the team manager, Billy McNeill, asked the 14 year old Hazelhead Academy student to join schoolboy teams for the Dons, he did not hesitate.

Within two years, Cooper was a fixture in the reserve team. Here he was to stay, with only an occasional taste of senior soccer, for current manager Alex Ferguson did not wish to throw his young player into the hurly burly of top grade football prematurely.

As the 1981-82 season commenced, Ferguson decided that the blond six footer had developed sufficiently, both physically and mentally, to be ready for an extended first team run.

His impact was such that he



Neale Cooper

received acclamation from teammates, opponents, spectators, journalists and, perhaps most importantly, Scotland youth coach Andy Roxburgh, who promptly called him up for duty.

Operating either in the heart of defence or in midfield, Cooper was a key figure for Aberdeen throughout that initial full season and one of the major reasons for the Scottish Cup taking a rare journey outside Glasgow.

While his club was demolishing Rangers 4-1 at Hampden Park, with the youngster scoring the last, coffin-sealing goal, Scotland already had commenced a UEFA Youth Cup campaign, which was to culminate in a 3-1 victory over Czechoslovakia in the final.

There was no doubt though that Cooper would be included in Coca Cola Cup calculations, for he had graduated to Scotland's under-21 selection and starred during its defeat by England in the European Championship semi-final.

In the past season, a momentous one for Aberdeen, Cooper has consolidated his position among Britain's brightest young stars and will be one of the cornerstones of the Caledonians' Mexican expedition.

At club level, Ferguson envisaged him coping as a sweeper, once Willie Miller retires.

Should the talented Scot prove a success in that role, nobody will be surprised, least of all the man who revolutionised the position — Franz Beckenbauer.

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Super Leagues and all those Mexican problems

An incredible amount of double-talk surrounds the controversial proposal to set up a NSW "Super League" as a possible alternative to the NSL.

Every plausible and implausible excuse is aired — except the real one which I take it every body openly discusses.

And this is a strong objection to the present leadership of the NSW Federation.

To be blunt, many NSL club officials dread the thought of operating under the presidency of the Karl Rodny and the management of Audlen Brown.

It's difficult to assess how much of this antipathy is of personal nature and how much is based on lack of confidence in NSW's leadership qualities. Whatever virtues the NSW Federation may possess, it's not the most progressive and imaginative organisation. Steady, even solid perhaps — but unlikely to be geared for the complex requirements of the 1980s and beyond.

True, they have created the Parklea Project but the value of that expensive piece of real estate to soccer has yet to be proved.

The NSW Federation has never regarded publicity as a priority.

The last time they published a Year Book was in 1960 — 23

years ago; the 25th anniversary of the Federation, in 1981, went unnoticed; there is no publicity or press officer, or, if there is — he is working under deep cover.

Last year, the Federation moved its offices from the city to Parklea, beyond reach of everybody except a few souls who live in that semi-rural area. With that, they literally sealed themselves away from the rest of the world.

This is how African elephants retire to die near the riverbank, in discreet privacy. So there is some ground for the distrust of the NSL clubs; it's not just a matter of who likes or dislikes Karl Rodny.

Fun, not coaching

If the NSW Federation were serious about the creation of a Super League, they would have worked out and then publicised a meaningful plan, they would have been lobbying and generally showing a high profile.

Merely waiting to pick up

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

the NSL clubs by default won't work.

The big fashion in Sydney is now to stage "coaching camps" during school holidays. However, most of them have one serious flaw; they are well paid baby-minding centres.

And it cannot be otherwise as long as the yardstick is not talent but the ability to pay.

I'm not blaming coaches and ex-players for exploiting the gullible parents ("never give a sucker an even break"), some of them may even genuinely believe that their apostolic work will bring results.

I also admit that in most of these camps the kids have a lot of fun and get value for their father's money.

It's the "coaching" character of the camps that I query.

Maybe "fun camps" would be more appropriate.

Ideally, we should gather together every school holiday the most talented and promising youngsters for an intensive one-week training camp, say from the age of 12 or so.

But this could only be done if the scheme were arranged and financed by an official body, allowing the best kids to attend regardless of their ability to pay.

It simply amazes me that all these years none of the Federations or soccer's much-vaunted sponsors have bothered to do something about this problem.

Australian soccer is very much like swimming, track and field and other sports where you have to succeed despite the system.

Maybe the AIS in Canberra is the sole exception through its scale of operation is so small that its effect on soccer is almost invisible.

Shock, horror!

Oh yes, it's started again! The flood of whinges and horror stories from Mexico about conditions, opponents and the world at large.

Perhaps I can help with some ideas.

Here, in telex form, are suggestions which our reporters on the spot are free to borrow as the occasion arises.

If, in between, they can also squeeze in a word or two about soccer, they will earn our gratitude.

COMP DRAW. Aust drew rotten group, with Scotland, Mexico and Korea. We requested Sri Lanka, the Falklands and Andorra as reasonably balanced group but FIFA, the World Bank and the Vatican have rejected it; Grimsom negotiating with rejected Andorrans. Only one will qualify plus Mexico regardless of placing, as arranged by Coca Cola in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

CHANCES. Opinion among players etc: we can win Cup; most would settle for silver medal; several threaten suicide if it's only bronze. Lot will depend on refs: we have requested neutrals from Wales (Tim Davies), Yugoslavia (Tony Boskovic) or Greece (E. Vavounis), all others under deep suspicion.

TRAINING GROUND. Miles from hotel, worn grass; pushy street urchins begging while singing revolutionary songs; birds in nearby pine forest distracting with chirping; severe restriction on use; cannot train between 3 am and 5 am; complaint lodged with FIFA, no reply yet, will advise.

ORGANISATION. Chaotic so at least we feel at home. Almost every body speaks Spanish but at least they're polite; we are all called "elders" which sounds like "senior" or "senior", ancient Inca custom, I guess. Unacceptable restriction on use of pressbox; only for pressmen which in Sydney unheard of.

SECURITY. Gun-toting nuns and novice priests have hotel surrounded; passwords only gain admittance. Today's password: Viva Zapata which means where did you buy that leather jacket? Streets, bridges, airports mined; street barricades everywhere. Sandanista guerrillas and Cuban waterpolo players infiltrate suburbs at night; Mexico lives in terror. Peso falling.

HOTELS. Cheap, dirty, sleazy, pest-ridden, noisy; too far from the city; in the heart of a noisy city. Rooms too small and cramped; rooms too large and eerie. For the reserve list; iguanas in the lobby, prostitutes in the bar, or worse, no bar.

FOOD. Hot spice, luke-warm, too hot, too cold; portions small, portions big and bloating; oil used instead of dripping, coffee smells of garlic (or was it the waiter?); definitely un-English, un-Welsh and un-Scottish (Leave out the Irish, strange people). No crisps.

DRINKS. Water dicy, cannot be boiled because of high altitude (reliable source; street corner news-vendor, Pedro); beer weak (praise KB, etc, contact them later for payola); pina colada expensive, tequilla smells like used kerosene.

CROWDS. Unfair, barrack for home team, drums, crackers, banners, rattlers, a nervous, noisy lot. Ah, for the tranquil atmosphere of Marks Field. Most men dark, swarthy, definitely foreign looking; excited, frantic, half-crazed, menacing, impossible. Mexicans



Phil O'Connor (right of Wollongong holds off a challenge from Steve Blair of Hellas.

O'Connor quits for England

Wollongong City Striker Phil O'Connor's burning desire to play against England has cost him his full time job as a sales representative.

O'Connor has been given one simple choice by a Wollongong tiles firm — either football or selling tiles!

In what must have been the most vital decision in his footballing life, O'Connor chose to try to achieve his lifelong ambition of having a crack at England later this month.

O'Connor is in the final 18-member Socero squad which enters its last preparatory stage for the three-match England series.

O'Connor was given two weeks notice by his employer because the company was no longer prepared to let him go into lengthy soccer camps.

"The company has been very good to me but playing for Australia is everything — and I mean it," O'Connor said.

"And with the internationals against England coming up, I just don't want to give this unique chance away."

"If I miss this opportunity to play against England I will regret it for the rest of my life."

O'Connor's wife Anne fully sympathises with her footballing husband.

"Football means so much to Phil — I can understand," Anne said.

O'Connor realises he has stiff opposition for a place in an expected Australian 4-2 formation.

But the Wolves striker has every reason to believe he will play in at least one of the three internationals.

This possibility alone has swayed his big decision.

— PHILIP MICALLEF

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



Look at Cruyff and Pete and you can't go wrong

I have been participating along with John Kosmina, Frank Arok and David Mitchell in various coaching camps around Sydney and I've been amazed by the number of kids who turned up.

Much has been said to the contrary, but I'm convinced the money that the parents spend on these camps is worthwhile. For a start, the kids never would have the thrill of being guided by top soccer personalities any other way.

That leads me into thoughts about junior soccer in general.

I think that over the next decade or two, we will have so many youngsters coming through the ranks that the structure of soccer in this country — or more specifically in the national league — will have to be changed.

At the moment, when we look at the NSL, we have kids playing in the under 16s, then in the youth team, and as the final step, in the senior team.

That alone is completely wrong.

There must be a reserve grade competition as a transitional phase.

They have such a competition in Victoria, where the four NSL clubs — Makedonia, J.U.S.T., Heidelberg and Hellas — field senior sides in lower competitions.

Hellas has a State League side, while the other three play in the Metropolitan League. This Victorian system should be introduced in NSW for the NSL teams.

While on junior development, let me say to all the youngsters who read this column that their own attitude to the game is even more important than any competition structure.

Just remember that throughout your career!

The ages between 10 and 15 are the most important in the development of a young player. This is the age at which you are taught the skills of the game and it is the age at which you must be prepared to spend a lot of time developing the skills.

I believe it also is important for you to find a senior player to copy — either an Australian or an overseas player.

Try to watch that player as often as possible. It's amazing the things you pick up. They help you develop a style of your own.

When I was a youngster I admired players like Cruyff, Rivelino of Brazil and of course Pete. I watched them on telly and whenever I saw something really special I went to the park and I'd try to do it myself.

This is the type of urgency a lot of the kids show overseas, in top soccer countries like Italy, Brazil, England, etc.

It's the type of interest and dedication you need as a youngster to eventually become a top player.

We're not talking simply about getting the ball and kicking it as far or as often as you can. To be tops you need a lot more — application, imagination, follow-through of your ambitions, as well as technique and skill.

Soccer is an art in itself and those who possess the required skills and, above all, the required ambition and application, eventually will be entitled to call themselves soccer players.

Another slap in the face from the ASF

Ron Greenwood's visit to Australia should constitute a form of refresher course for Australian coaches.

After all, he has a lot to offer.

He was one of the leaders of modern football with West Ham, and the English FA showed tremendous confidence in him to call him out of virtual retirement to lead the national team as Don Revie's successor.

Of course there are others who offered the world a host of new ideas in soccer — fellows like Weisweiler, Bearzot, Menotti and Trapattoni, for example.

That aside, Greenwood is here now, on a retainer estimated at up to \$1000 a day.

I don't know who is paying, presumably it's the ASF or West Nally.

At any rate, a function has been arranged in Melbourne, at which Greenwood is to meet the Press and fellow coaches. And the coaches have been



asked to pay \$12 each for the privilege!

Now, the local coaches who would benefit most from Greenwood's ideas are those who work for nothing — the guys who toil away conscientiously in the Metropolitan or Provisional Leagues, devoting their time and effort for the good of the game and for the good of the players simply because they love the sport.

The ASF is willing to pay to have Greenwood here, and yet it is not willing to make Greenwood freely available to all the coaches who could learn from him.

I'm not saying that the local coaches can't afford the \$12, but to me the whole concept represents an insult.

RALE RASIC

I wouldn't attend on principle. I believe that if the ASF brings a man here it should do so purely for the good of the game. If the idea simply is to boost the gates at the England-Australia matches, then the ASF should forget about having Greenwood at functions purporting to help local coaches lift their own standard.

The strength of Australian soccer is being reflected in Mexico at the moment, where we are being represented by youth players who learned initially from the coaches who give their time free of charge.

Can't the ASF return the favor — if only in recognition for the efforts of these people?

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Croatia, needing to win to stay level with Blacktown at the top of the NSW State League, meets arch-rival Yugal at Fraser Park on Sunday.

Blacktown meets Kuringal at Parklands Oval and both leaders should win.

Croatia, of course, has a huge advantage over Blacktown as it has a game in hand.

STATE LEAGUE: Croatia 2 to Polonia 0, Avila 3 to Blacktown 0, Manly 1 draw with Kuringal 1, Malda 3 to Manaro 1, SECOND GRADE: Avila 2 draw with Blacktown 2, Manly 0 draw with Kuringal 0, Malda 3 to Manaro 0, THIRD GRADE: Avila 2 to Blacktown 0, Manly 2 to Kuringal 0.

STATE LEAGUE	W	D	L	A	Pts
Black	8	0	2	24	9
Croatia	7	2	0	19	16

Nyskohus stars in 9-0 win

Beograd blitzed Campbelltown 9-0 with former Adelaide City star John Nyskohus grabbing four goals in a shock SA State League match at the weekend.

In five previous games, Campbelltown had only conceded five goals, but Nyskohus wrecked that record when he scored all his goals in the second half.

Beograd, which moved into fourth place, led 3-0 at half time.

Meanwhile, Croatia and Azurri scrambled to lucky 1-0 wins to continue to share the lead at the top of the table.

An own goal gave Croatia the points against Polonia, while an 89th minute score from John Batchelor was enough for Azurri against Elizabeth.

West Adelaide dropped their first points in four matches when it was held to a 1-1 draw by Para Hills.

West, weakened by the demands of their NSL team, fell behind to a Gary Williams shot, but State youth star Nick Malavazos equalised just before the break.

In the other game, rock bottom Port Adelaide held Peter Jaksa's West Torrens Birkalla to a 1-1 draw at Birk's home ground.

The second division remains

Avila	5	4	3	16	13	14
South	6	1	3	18	7	13
Manly	5	2	2	15	12	12
Kuringal	4	4	2	13	11	10
Manaro	4	2	5	16	15	10
Yugal	2	3	4	10	14	7
Can	2	1	7	10	19	5
Polonia	1	3	4	9	19	5
Black	1	2	6	10	26	4
Adams	0	8	9	7	23	9

SATURDAY

State League 2nd Division: Warrigah 2 draw with NSW, Narrabonn Finest Camp, Artarmon vs North Bankstown, Artarmon Reserve.
State League 3rd Division: Kingsford vs Mt. Druitt Town, Erskineville Oval, Gladesville Hwy vs Baulkham Hills, L. H. Wood Sports Gnd.
Inter Urban 1st Division: Sydney Uni vs Maroubra United, St. Johns Oval, King Tomlinson vs Spanish Club, King Tomlinson Park.
Inter Urban 2nd Division: Eastwood S/A vs Moonbank, Lower Eastwood Oval, Pymblewood vs Pymblewood Park, Jakes Park.
Inter Urban 3rd Division: Haberfield B/O vs

Smithfield H/S, Beaman Park, Liverpool City vs Revesby Rovers, Ennis Smith Reserve.
Inter Urban 4th Division: Dulwich Hill vs Liverpool Rangers, Malvern Oval, Nepean Rovers vs South Sydney, Tahmore Sports Gnd.
Inter Urban 5th Division: Jesuita United vs St. Marys NSL, Ireland's Bridge Rovers, Argemount L/U vs Concord Juniors, New White Park, Liverpool United vs Santiago Wanda, Jakes Park.
SUNDAY
State League 1st Division: Polonia vs Malda Eagles, Chipp Park, S.S. Yugal vs Croatia Sydney, Fraser Park, Cast. M. Villa City vs Southland, Chic. Arlington Oval, Adom vs Blacktown, Manaro Park, Karingal vs Blacktown City, Parklands Oval, Inter Manaro vs Manly Warrigah, Marco Polo Oval.
State League 2nd Division: Penrith United vs Dee Why, Cook Park, Gladesville Rovers vs Blacktown United, Penrith Park, Belmore vs Fairy Meadow, Black Oval, Wollongong United vs Parramatta City, Bankstown Sports Gnd, Bankstown Reserves vs Revesby Workers, Hornsfield Oval.
State League 3rd Division: Campbelltown City vs North Ryde, Liverpool Park, C.S.I. vs Queens Park, E.S. Schellfields Park, Liverpool Albion vs Bondi Maroon, Stoumel Park No. 1, Lane Cove United vs Belconnen '75, Porters Green.
Inter Urban 1st Division: Fairfield River vs Eastwood Creek, Knight Park No. 4, Port Hacking vs Hurstville-Jagraw, Seymour Show Park, Fairfield West vs Concordia, Park Reserve, Wrentham Wanda vs Nureth Eagles, Century Park.
Inter Urban 2nd Division: Transmension Sports vs Chelms, Bracken Park, Campbelltown Greens vs Sydney Marabbi, Bursley Road S.C. West St. George vs Chisle Sports, Event Park.
Inter Urban 3rd Division: Revesby Rovers vs Maroubra United, Kuringal Park, Liverpool City vs Bankstown City, Ennis Smith Reserve, Macarthur United vs Green Valley Utd, Ponderosa Park, Ryle District vs Robins, Hall Park.
Inter Urban 4th Division: Murray Farm Rams vs Chelms, Murray Farm Reserve, Blacktown Workers vs Bankstown, Laybourn Reserve, Colo Colo vs Sydney, Kuringal Park, Liverpool City vs Bankstown City, Ennis Smith Reserve, Macarthur United vs Green Valley Utd, Ponderosa Park, Ryle District vs Robins, Hall Park.
Inter Urban 5th Division: Santiago Wanda vs Wollongong Sports, Knight Park No. 6, Sam Soud vs Wollongong United, Clayton Reserve, Lanevale United vs Castle Hill, Marley Oval.

July 30 deadline for NSL future

After a meeting of the ASF league sub-committee the following statement was released by the NSL management committee.

"As a result of the ASF League sub-committee in Sydney on Friday, May 20, it can be reaffirmed that the National Soccer League will continue in 1984 and ensuing years, and under a reorganised format.

Kiwi coaching controversy

Two former West Adelaide Hellas team mates are in the centre of a controversy, which arose following the delayed naming of New Zealand's captain for the forthcoming President's Cup tournament in South Korea.

Allan Boath, captain of the Kiwis against Australia in February, has retained the position, despite the availability of World Cup skipper Steve Sumner, absent during the Auckland and Melbourne fixtures because his wife was expecting a baby.

Sumner, who also spent a season with Newcastle KB United, said: "This is due entirely to my having stood on a few toes when obtaining better conditions for the players."

National coach Allan Jones however is known to have the highest regard for the leadership qualities of Boath.

— PAUL MOON

state federation and seek their views on the proposals put forward.
"Meanwhile, the four Melbourne based NSL clubs have today officially advised the Victorian Soccer Federation that they do not wish to be part of a proposed Victorian 'Super League'.
"All four clubs, Footscray, Heidelberg, Preston and South Melbourne last week received an invitation from the Victorian Soccer Federation to join the proposed league. However, the clubs unanimously expressed their support for the National Soccer League and immediately rejected the invitation."

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Injuries

Injury-wise, there have been no major hassles on the tour.
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And so everything is set for the game against Mexico. Scheinflog realises that the task won't be easy but he also knows that if the Socceroos are to reach the quarter-finals, nothing less than a win is good enough.
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Coaches need new cliches

I'm not sure whether some of our coaches are simply conning their club managements or they are just football simpletons.

But week after tedious week they use the same two excuses for their teams' defeats.

Formula One: "We played very well but couldn't take our chances."

Formula Two: "We attacked all the time and the other team scored from break-aways."

These laments, I assume, are meant to pacify their club managements, implying that the losses were due to the malicious intervention of a Supreme Being, a mean and scheming providence conspiring to threaten their jobs.

I think it's time to expose these fraudulent claims and debunk these primordial theories which are so fashionable in Australian soccer circles.

Let's take Formula One first.

To say that a team played "well" and then lost because they missed chance after chance is a contradiction in terms.

A team plays well when it scores; this is the essence of soccer. Everything else is trivial.

It's relatively easy to "play well" in midfield, flinging the ball around, wide and back, giving the impression of "dictating terms."

But unless this inter-passing ends in the creation of chances and then some goals — its intrinsic value is minimal, close to zero.

Strikers cannot "play well" if they create a dozen chances — and miss the lot. Their job is to score, to convert at least one chance out of three or four.

It's all this if not inaccurate, bad finishing by the strikers? Why is their ineptness explained away as bad luck instead of poor play?

Even more pertinently: why is the ratio of chance conversion so very mediocre in Australian soccer: why does a team need up to 10 chances to get a measly goal?

Formula Two is an even more exasperating phenomenon.

We still appear to have coaches in our midst — not to mention ill-informed journalists — who believe that a team which "attacks" has the sole and divine right to finish its effort with a goal.

Teams lurching forward without much cohesion and camping in their opponents' half of the field are often described as having "dominated" the match.

Equally, opponents who suddenly break and score a quick goal receive the idiotic cliché of having scored "against the run of play."

Of course, there is no such thing as run play in modern soccer which, at its best, is based on rapid switches.

Last year Italy beat Brazil in Barcelona with all three goals scored "against the run of play."

They simply gave up, to their technically superior opponents, the midfield, absorbed immense pressure some 20 metres from their goal — and broke swiftly, decisively when they could.

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As it is, the Italians won 3-2 despite hardly "attacking" at all.

And don't think for a moment that this sample is a hair-raising exception: this is the modern trend in soccer.

This is how St. George recently beat Olympic, this is how Brighton held Manchester United to a draw in the first match of the FA Cup Final and this is precisely how dozens of matches are played and decided every week on the Continent.

It hardly matters how many minutes during a game your team attacks; what does matter is how often and how accurately they finish those attacks.

Indiscriminate "attacking" is going out of fashion; husar-like charges at the enemy may be exciting but usually backfire.

Modern soccer is all about organisation; it's not for the romantics.

Smart teams often refrain from pinning their opponents to their goal and even deliberately give the ball away to "loosen up" a congested area.

This type of soccer, more than ever, suits teams who have players with above average intelligence; more brains than bravado, the calculating mind of a bank manager.

And this is why I pray that one day we may stop hearing all that nonsense about "having dominated" a match and newspaper cliches about goals scored "against the run of play."

Intelligently coached teams will always succeed in the long run; superior concepts will bring results.

All other excuses are just hogwash.

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(Footscray JUST). Neil Darlington, 15, five goals (Salford United); David Crowe, 8, Geoffrey Paulsen, 6 (Brandon Park); Bradley Langford 12, Craig Cameron, 12, Steven Clarke, 16, Bruce Waterspoon, 7, Steven Murray, 8, Darren Chester, 16, Edward Ereira, 16, Andy Vase, 11, four goals. Steven Oakley, 7, five goals Paul Rochford, 12, six goals (Karingal United); Paul Schiavetta, 16, six goals (Greenborough); Bradley McWhitt, 11 (Belgrave South); Darren Arbon, 8, six goals, Adrian Kalister, 12 (Hampton Park); Christian Seism, 11, four goals, Geoffrey Gillard, 11, five goals (Seaford United); Craig Baker (Salisbury United); Chris Kakavoulis (Kellor Park), Craig Sercombe, 7, nine goals, Adrian Baker, 10, four goals, Greg Scott, 10, four goals, Nicholas Besseling, 11, four goals (Dubbo R.S.L. Tigers); Tony Meraki, Jason Coffa, four goals (Hawthorn Citizens); Darren Bailey, four goals; Wayne McGauley, Clinton Scott, five goals, Mark McGauley, four goals (Tramoune).

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Greenwood holds court at Ajax

By LES SHORROCK

Ex-England manager Ron Greenwood, who took England to last year's World Cup final in Spain, is in Australia at the invitation of the AIF to promote the game, and this week it is Victoria's turn to host this genial man, whose name is a household word wherever soccer is played.

On Sunday he was the guest of Green Gully Ajax where he made a big impression on fans and players alike.

It wasn't just the fact that he saw Green Gully score its biggest win of the season (some supporters felt he must be some sort of lucky charm) but also his attitude both during the pre-match lunch and afterwards when he met the players.

He was invited to go into the dressing room after the game, and immediately got involved in a lively discussion on defensive tactics with coach Len McKendry.

To illustrate his points, he cleared the rubbing table with all the rest of a schoolboy, and proceeded to expound his theories using empty drink cans as players.

The Green Gully players found it all so compelling that they were coming out of the showers, towel-clad to join in.

Before the game, Greenwood was deep in conversation with McKendry

when he noticed a group of 10-year-olds shyly looking on. Greenwood accused himself, went over to the boys and, drawing up a chair, was soon engrossed with them.

"Players are the same the world over," he said afterwards, "whether they be 10-year-olds or Paolo Rossi, they all have the same problems."

In a discussion on previous England managers, Greenwood came out strongly in defence of Walter Winterbottom, whom the English Press by and large always categorised as a mere theoretician.

"He was a genius," he says, "a tactical genius, who wasn't afraid to travel all over the world to learn. He founded the FA's coaching system and people like Bill Nicholson, Bobby Robson and I owe a lot to him."

Talk to Ron Greenwood for 10 minutes and you are impressed by the man's passion for the game. And if you want to see him at work, he'll be putting the State squad through the paces at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday). You're welcome to watch.



Ron Greenwood

Mighty Macedonia grabs top berth

By MARK BRIGDEN

Bris. Lions 1 Macedonia 3

Scorers: Kelos o.g. 41st, Ward 44th, Lucchesi 52nd (Macedonia); Kearton 1st (Lions).

Venue: Richlands Stadium, Brisbane.

Crowd about 1000.

Referee: Gordon Nicholson.

Cautions: Ward, Ollerton, Flavell (PM), McDonagh (BL).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8, Opatinas 7, Jones 7, Ollerton 8, Illoski 7, McMillan 7, Flavell 7, Oskakov 7, Campbell 8, Lucchesi 8, Ward 8.

BRISBANE LIONS: Scanlon 7, McClurg 7, Hunter 7, Marzalek 6 (Daunt 53rd 6), Niven 7, Stewart 7, Hogg 7, McDonagh 7, Kelso 8, Kearton 6, Anderson 5.

With the cancellation of the Sydney Olympic — Newcastle game, the opportunity existed for Preston-Macedonia to assume leadership of the national league.

Standing in its way was the determination of a youthful Brisbane Lions team eager to maintain its impressive home record.

The result was an entertaining match at Richlands Stadium with Preston-Macedonia accepting the challenge and producing some exciting football. However, it did not have it all its own way. It was Lions who scored first after just 50 seconds.

Jim McDonagh won the ball deep in his own half and his long ball found 17 year old striker Bradley Kearton who controlled and hit a rocket-like shot which Richard Wilson only could deflect into the net.

It was a dream start for the youngster, making his National League debut.

Lions could have gone further ahead in the 28th minute after some fine teamwork which was worthy of a goal.

Alan Hunter won the ball just outside his penalty area and after some swift passing, in-

volving five different players, Johnny Stewart's shot flew just over the bar.

Lions again looked dangerous in the 38th minute when Barry Kelso took on and beat four men in an exciting run and his cross found Jim McDonagh whose shot was blocked by a defender.

Preston-Macedonia also had its chances during this period due mainly to the skills of Claude Lucchesi and Gary Ward, and the combination and understanding they have with George Campbell and Zarko Odzakov.

The relentless pressure applied by Macedonia led to a stream of corners from which it often looked capable of scoring.

In the 38th minute, a Lucchesi volley off a corner was goalbound but Lions sweeper Alan Marzalek was on hand to clear off the line. The equaliser came three minutes later off another corner when Barry Kelso deflected the ball into his own net.

With only four minutes to the halftime break Lions were anxious to keep the scores level.

However, the non-stop running of Ward was rewarded in the 44th minute when he outsped the defence to collect a long ball and score after Scanlon had got a hand to his first attempt.

Preston maintained the pressure in the second half and went further ahead in the 52nd minute when Lucchesi scored after a good run which left Marzalek and Scanlon stranded, admiring his ball skills.

Lions were not completely outplayed and did produce some fine attacking moves through controlled build-ups, however, player-coach, Peter Ollerton has organised his defence superbly.

McDonagh and Hunter did manage to get shots on target but Wilson was under no real pressure. Indeed, the overall performance by Preston indicated that it is a worthy title contender.



Macedonia midfielder Zarko Odzakov (left) in a fierce challenge with Lions' Jim McDonagh. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

APIA pounces on depleted Marconi

Marconi 1 APIA 3

Scorers: Jankovics 48th (M), Bertogna 56th, Bradley 64th, Pullen 76th (apil).

Venue: Marconi Stadium.

Crowds: 7,550.

Referee: Ron Davis (Newcastle 5).

MARCONI: James 6 - Degney 7 - Bozanic 8, Budini (inf. Giannone 32nd, 5), Henderson 7, O'Rourke 4 - Carbone 6, Sermanni 6 - Hunter 7, Jankovics 7, Winn 6.



Alex Vesic

APIA: Woodhouse 8 - Mariani 8 - Gray 8, Pullen 7, Bertogna 7, Brown 7 - Butler 6, Schermann 7, Morsello 6 - Bradley 7, P. Tredinnick 7. Marconi, fielding a reshuffled team, went down 3-1 to arch rival APIA Leichhardt

in the big Italian derby at Marconi Stadium.

With four of its best players away with the Australian youth team in Mexico, Marconi only could hold on until the interval against APIA.

It opened the score three minutes after the break when Mark Jankovics beat Greg Woodhouse with a well placed shot from 12 metres, following a strong run from Ian Hunter, who split the APIA defence before delivering a superb pass to Jankovics.

The goal spurred APIA into action and Arno Bertogna

equalised a few minutes later with a powerful shot following a corner kick, which had Marconi at sixes and sevens at the back.

Then two Marconi defenders, Ricky Budini and Steve Winn, were injured and from this point, APIA seemed to gain the advantage.

In the 64th minute the visitors forged ahead with a good goal by John Bradley.

Berti Mariani started the move in midfield, working the ball to Terry Butler on the right, who sent a perfect pass for Bradley to make a stunning

turn then score with a powerful shot from 8 metres.

Under pressure the Marconi defence made many mistakes, allowing APIA to have several shots at goal.

In the 76th minute, Peter Tredinnick fired a scorching 25 metre shot which Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James palmed away. However, Mark Pullen quickly raced in to head the ball into the net for the third goal.

APIA could have won by a bigger margin. In the last minute of the game Bradley hit the post and defender Jay O'Rourke cleared off the line to stop a certain goal.

McDowell here as J.U.S.T. gears for Wollongong clash

Foots JUST 1 Brish City 1

Scorers: JUST: Belic 28th; BC: Tokesi 44th.

Venue: Schindler Reserve.

Crowd: About 500.

Conditions: cold and wet.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas 6.

Cautions: Liddell (BC), Falco (BC).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Boland 6 - Curovic 7, Kyriakoulas 8, Tutill 7, Hazabent 7 - Taylor 7, Belic 8, Purdie 6 - Carroll 8, Paton 8 (inf. sub. Simic 59th), Lujic 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 - Perry 8, Kowtan 6, Tokesi 7, Wilkinson 6 - Pimblett 8, Liddell 6, Bromfield 6 - Hughes 6, Williamson 7, Falco 6.

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Bad luck and good goalkeeping by Kim Wishart conspired to rob Footscray J.U.S.T. of victory.

J.U.S.T. managed only a 1-1 draw after having lost its star forward Jamie Paton through injury and after Wishart had stopped Joe Carroll twice and Zdravko Lujic once with fine saves.

Brisbane City was forced to clear off the line through Frank Liddell and Steve Perry.

J.U.S.T.'s failure to win makes its match against Wollongong this week a virtual six-point.

J.U.S.T. is still second last, ahead of Wollongong, which has a superior goal difference.

The arrival of J.U.S.T.'s latest recruit, Gary McDowell from Scotland, was delayed once more and he now is expected today (Wednesday).

Brisbane City came to Melbourne without its top scorer and star midfielder Bobby Hamilton.

J.U.S.T. went into the lead after 28 minutes when Vlatko Belic, one of the best players of the match, put the finishing touch to a goal-bound header from Paton.

Liddell and Perry prevented two more goals by Belic and in

McElhinney available

Kew City's attacking midfielder, Paddy McElhinney, has been transferred to his own request. McElhinney, ex-Slavvia, Doveton and Morwell Falcons, can be contacted by interested clubs at home on 583 5545.

Impressed

Real Madrid boss Alfredo Di Stefano who watched Aberdeen recently against Celtic, said he was impressed at the pace of Aberdeen's play. Di Stefano was particularly impressed with 19-year-old Neale Cooper for whom Frank Beckenbauer predicted a rosy future when SV Hamburg played Aberdeen in the UEFA Cup less than two years ago.



Laurie Schwab

another scoring chance, Belic shot too high.

J.U.S.T. captain Igor Hazabent and his opponent Gary Bromfield both were injured in a clash of heads and it was just after Hazabent had returned to the pitch after treatment that Peter Tokesi scored the equalising goal with a header after a corner by Billy Williamson.

Paton, the focal point of the J.U.S.T. attacks, was carried off injured in the 58th minute after having been hurt in clashes with Liddell and Wishart.

Paul Simic replaced him and J.U.S.T. continued to create scoring chances.

Two towering headers by Kyri Kyriakoulas were blocked by defenders and then came the best scoring chance of the game when Lujic scooped away on a bad defensive ball by Brisbane City sweeper Kowtan.

Lujic faced goalkeeper Wishart with two team mates unmarked to his right.

But all of the scoring options were wasted when he played the ball right into Wishart's arms.

Wishart maintained his good form, saving a strong shot from Carroll.

Brisbane City had fine performers in right-back Steve Perry who blotted out Lujic and Frank Pimblett who made all the play without being able to set up many worthwhile attacks.

Alan Hughes had the ball in the net for Brisbane City late in the game, but it was not allowed because an infringement had been spotted.

However, it was Falco who had most of the scoring chances for City, without being able to convert any. In about the fifth minute, he ran through the middle into the clear, on a ball from Kowtan, but knocked it too far ahead of himself, making it easier for Dennis Boland.

J.U.S.T. sweeper Graham Tutill was losing his footing in the slippery going, and his slip would have let Billy Williamson in for a goal in the 30th minute, had Kyriakoulas not come to the rescue with a tackle.

Tutill lifted his game in the second half, and I liked the performance of right back Suleiman Curovic who overlapped well down the right.

Rasic reported

A report by referee Tim Davies about South Melbourne Hellas coach Rasic has been referred to the NSL disciplinary committee.

The committee is expected to be meeting tomorrow (Thursday) or Friday and probably will ask Rasic to appear.

Rasic is alleged to have used abusive language to Davies and a linesman during Hellas' match with Sydney City last Sunday.

New match dates

The Adelaide City v. Wollongong game, which was to have been postponed until October due to the Australia-England series, will be played instead on June 11.

Adelaide City does not have use of its home ground in October. The NSL is trying to schedule the postponed Newcastle v. Marconi match for Saturday, June 18.



Adelaide City's Joe Mullen goes up high but is foiled by St. George goalkeeper Terry Greedy. At left are Paul Wilkinson (St. George) and Neil Banfield. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Injuries and boredom

Adel. City 1 St. George 0

Scorer: Joe Mullen 70th.

Crowd: 2200.

Cautions: Blair, Carter (City).

Ground: Olympic Sports Field.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally 8 - Shillabeer 7, Banfield 9, B. Nyskohus 8, Dods 7 - Blair 7, Carter 6, Maitle 7 - Rankin 7, Mullen 7, Villani 8.

ST. GEORGE: Greedy 7 - R. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, Skoen 7 - Wilkinson 7, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 7 (Ricoy 77th) - Martin 8, Muskovits 7, Slater 6.

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Then the trouble began.

Marton went down in a heap after a legitimate challenge in the City penalty area.

Arok raced over to check on his star player, came back to the bench and was about to send on substitute Ricoy when Arok looked in astonishment as John O'Shea was injured in St. George's penalty area.

So you had the farcical situation where Marton was lying injured at one end of the ground and O'Shea was flattened at the other end.

O'Shea, who was the most serious casualties, came off while Marton unhappily hobbled onto the field and had to remain there.

Ricoy, O'Shea's substitute, lasted about 10 minutes. He was tackled strongly and had to be carried off with minutes to go.

Despite its obvious disadvantages, St. George could have equalised with a minute to go but Marton, naturally not moving freely, mistimed a volley and the chance was gone.

Marton was desperately unlucky not to score in the first half but Willie McNally made a super reflex save.



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Mike Petersen, making his NSL debut for Heidelberg, comes so close to scoring against Wollongong as, from left, he eludes goalkeeper Jim Preston, gets a sliding shot, and watches anxiously as it sails just past the post.



Half-dead Hellas: Mercedes with the pistons missing

Syd. City 3 SM-Hellas 0

Scorers: Gomez 30th and 77th mins, Mitchell 80th min. Venue: Sydney Athletic Field.

Crowd: 1309. Referee: Tim Davies 7. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Clark 6, Cant 8, Robertson 6, O'Connor 7, Bruce 6, Kay 8, Watson 7, Barnes 6, Gomez 7, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumet 6, Russell 7, Yzendoorn 7, Blair 7, Davidson 7, Halford 7, Murphy 6, Crino 6 (Bulgovic 59min), Wooddin 5, Egan 5, Brown 5.

Only the trimmings provided some comic entertainment for this drab, listless encounter.

To start with, both teams played in almost identical blue — much to the glory of our "professional" league whose motto must be: The public be damned.

Hellas brought to Sydney no alternate strip and Sydney City, for unknown reasons, didn't change to its all-white, nestling in the dressing room. The referee didn't seem to mind; the coaches couldn't be bothered — so it was left to the two linesmen to be driven to despair.

Don't blame them for giving some of the most astonishing officiating decisions of the year. In a split second they just

couldn't distinguish between blue and blue.

Once the ball was still in Hellas's half — yet the linesman gave Charlie Egan offside in the other half of the field in what amounted to total confusion.

So much for the colors. Hellas deserved more than a mere defeat. Once again they put on a half-dead, indolent display.

This team looks like an expensive Mercedes with the pistons removed, bristling with luxury players led by that talented yet thoroughly dispassionate Steve Wooddin.

It's clear now that Hellas will have a very lean year unless Rale Rasic either reads the riot act to this "stars" or even better, drops them.

By contrast, Sydney City fought gallantly despite the sword of Damocles hanging over it.

True, City didn't play well, the swirling wind and the bewildering linesman's decisions precluded any such possibilities.

But at least they attacked with vigor and, when the chances came, took them decisively.

The first half hour could have produced two goals. In the 15th minute David Mitchell broke through but hit his shot wide and a minute later Egan skirted the goal but lost his angle with the goal unguarded.

On the half hour things livened up. John Kosmina hit a

Are words worse than punches?

Heidelberg 2 Wollongong 0

Scorers: Lea 9th and 83rd. Cautions: Jeff Ainsworth (W).

Sent off Alan Waldron (W) 65th.

Ground: Olympic Village. Referee: J. Fearn 5.

Crowd: 2000.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, McKin 9, Yankas 6, McLeod 6, Spanos 7, Toro 6, Salamidis 6, Campbell 6, Valentine 5, Petersen 8, Lea 8.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 6, Willis 6, Pollard 5, Dunne 7, Ainsworth 5, McBrown 7, Fleming 6, Waldron 5 (off 65th), Gaffney 6, O'Connor 9, Cotton 6.



Les Shorrock

Fearn's attention was attracted by linesman Jim Brennan, who was flagging vigorously.

Fearn went over to Brennan, and then sent off Waldron — according to the player, for abusive language to the linesman.

How this trivial incident warranted a red card is completely beyond my comprehension, and I am also at a loss to understand Fearn's priorities. For instance, in the first half, rugged Don MacLeod dropped Roy Cotton with a left and a right that would have done Marvellous Marvin Hagler proud, and while Cotton was being attended to, Fearn and MacLeod had an amicable chat... no card.

Then in the second half, Wolves sent Jim McBrown up against MacLeod and the two of them conducted a two-man war, mostly behind the play, with the odd head-butt thrown in, but without any sign of incurring the ref's displeasure.

And if Brennan is so sensitive that the odd magic word thrown at him by a player merits a sending-off every time, Sunday's game would have finished up as a four-a-side.

After the send-off had ruined the second-half, Wollongong re-organised at the back, relying heavily on the offside trap, while throwing everything into attack in a desperate attempt to grab a point.

Wollongong's successful exploitation of offside aroused the ire of the crowd. The anger was directed mainly at the other linesman, Bernie Upjohn. If Brennan had been the linesman on the Bergers' attack, referee Fearn, to be consistent, would have had to send the crowd off.

Fittingly, it was Petersen, who, after having been caught offside continuously, broke the trap, bursting through two tackles before sending Derek Lea clear.

The diminutive striker, who is all heart, seemed to have lost his chance as Preston dived at his feet and plucked the ball away, but Lea won it back and, falling, still managed to guide it into the net.

So Heidelberg won well and deservedly. On chances created, they should have won about 6-2, but I was left pondering why some linesmen seem to develop a penchant for intruding on the game.

And they missed a penalty too...

Canberra 2 West Adel 1

Scorers: Gibson, Walsh (C), Wormley (WA).

CANBERRA: Hoszowski 9, Young 8, Murray 7, Moutsopoulos 8, Walsh 8, Bryant 8, T. Byrne 8, G. Byrne 7, Brennan 7 (MacLaren 61st 7), Gibson 8, Redmond 7.

WEST ADELAIDE: Sproul 7, Amey 7 (Konstandopoulos 27th 7), Calandrias 7, Dunn 8, McGachey 7, Hosszowski 7, Manou 7, Hara 7, Hays 9, Honeyman 8, Wormley 8.

Ref: Bob Moa, 8.

Cautions: Calandrias.

Crowd: 1718.

Canberra, surprisingly nervous and tentative, missed a penalty but took the points.

Canberra was the better side. While West Adelaide had pep and penetration from head-running Graham Hays, and big Graham Honeyman, they lacked cohesion in the back and real bite in midfield.

One could well sympathise with coach Alan West when he commented after the game: "We gave them a gift goal — and an early one, too."

Few teams can come back after that. True — but West Adelaide did come back — largely due to Canberra's ineptness.

But first that disastrous first goal.

Tragically, of all the defenders to be involved, it was the vastly experienced Neil McGachey who mis-cued his back pass which Sproul failed to gather, and so Canberra's Ian Gibson intercepted and fired into an empty net.

The goal was so unexpected it left the crowd of 1718 stunned.

Earlier, in fact in the opening two minutes, West Adelaide's Steve Atsalas had hit the top of the post with a shot, but after the goal West Adel-

Peter Windsor

aide were outplayed by Canberra.

Bill Amey was hurt in a tackle and replaced in the 27th minute by George Konstandopoulos, and Canberra still dominated the midfield and gave front runners Tony Brennan, Phil Redmond and Ian Gibson, plenty of the ball.

Brennan, back after weeks of injury, ran well — as did match-maker Gibson in one of his better performances.

And Canberra was unlucky with shots by Brennan and Byrne going wide — and desperately unlucky when Terry Byrne's shot from a Gibson cross was spilled by Sproul only to be kicked off the goal-line by Robbie Dunn.

But with the wind gusting and rain falling West got the better of the home team and deserved their equaliser.

It came from a great run by Konstandopoulos down the left flank. And it was Konstandopoulos's fierce, 20-metre shot that Hoszowski saved superbly but couldn't quite hold, with the ball rolling to big Paul Wormley who thumped it home in the 65th minute.

It took this set-back to rock Canberra back into action. Bryant laid on the winner with a well-placed corner kick that was headed home from only metres by full back, John Walsh.

It was all Canberra from then to the whistle, with Sproul doing well to save a Steve Bryant penalty kick just three minutes from the final whistle and then, with just seconds remaining, saving a hard shot from Walsh.



Andrew Dettre

sharp volley from 18 metres and Peter Lafmets did well to push the ball to corner.

Joe Watson sent in his usual precision ball and Gerardo Gomez, looking like a lean stark, rose high to head the ball home.

Rasic, claiming a foul on the goal by Mitchell, went into temporary paroxysm on the sideline, for which he was promptly sent packing. He spent the rest of the game leaning on the railing, no doubt muttering his traditional "Unbelievable!"

Hellas's big chance to salvage something from this wasted afternoon came in the 83rd minute.

Egan — metres offside but once again missed in a sea of blue shirts — darted off alone and was brought down by a desperate Clarke.

Egan took the spot-kick himself — and his weak shot to the left corner was easily held by Todd Clarke.

Then, in a three-minute burst, the coup de grace was duly delivered to a fairly indifferent victim.

In the 77th minute Watson's job into the goalmouth invited some fierce challenges. Kosmina's close presence reduced Laumet's punch to a gentle push and the ball fell sweetly for Gomez who half-volleyed it into the roof.

Barely three minutes later a defensive miskick landed in

front of Mitchell who walked away and slotted in a low shot to make up the final score.

It's worth noting here that during the entire 90 minutes Hellas had two half chances only. Neither Wooddin nor Doug Brown even threatened Clarke's goal.

Not that the Slickers were all that marvellous, either. With this mediocre performance they needed a submissive and unbalanced opponent to win by three clear goals.

As for the all-blue goof of jerseys: it will be interesting to see if the NSL takes any action or merely issues a meek tut-tut to Hellas whose grey eminence, Sam Papasavas, is the league chairman.

As long as clubs threaten the public with such arrogant disdain, no detailed surveys are necessary to find out why attendances all over the country are falling.

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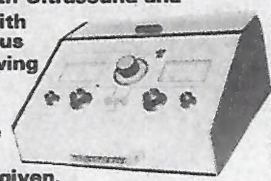
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Kaiser's first year as senior coach ended disastrously. KB didn't have money and Kaiser had to concentrate upon talent immediately. In his own words, step from local soccer to the national. Recruiting Stuart Robertson and Jim the U.K. was a big boost and the club the second half of last year's league both imports went back to the U.K. and KB was unable to finance their relatively wanted to strengthen his cent end, money was found to import Pete Watson from England this year and been instrumental in KB's rise to the league table.

"I've got talented players in my squad. They want to work hard and the mends. And right now, I'm getting youth policy started under Alan Vest."

"I've always been a fan of Vest's club."

Howard Tredinnick, Ralph Maier, Drysdale, Bernard Kerby and Simon of KB's youth team currently in the Tony Caban, another youth team player breaking into the first team pool.

Lowe and Maier are in Mexico youth team but their absence only serves fact that Kaiser has the best squad, in club has enjoyed since its introduction ranks in 1978.

"We won the first two games that Le unavailable for. That says something Mike Channon arrives on Thursday (to be a big bonus. We'll all learn from bloke and he gives everything he's got. Actually, it'll be a bit strange for the high up in the league and having a play slot into the team," said Kaiser.

THE LEADERS

Newcastle KB United is administered by an eight-member board of directors headed by president and chairman Mr Paul Newmark, regional manager of Tooth and Co.

Mr Ivor Thirlwell, an insurance broker, is vice-president and Mr Pat Clarke, secretary-manager of Adamstown Rosebuds, is club secretary.

Other directors are: Mr Neil Jameson, a journalist; Mr Alan Tredinnick, a school teacher; Mr Dave Brown, a real estate agent; Mr Rob Cameron, a salesman, and Mr Alf Stamp, an accountant and former KB player.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Newcastle, 1983. Back row: Howard Tredinnick, Peter Burke, Bob Mountford, Clint Gosling, David Jones, Garry Watson, Craig Mason. Front row: Ralph Maier, David Lowe, Joe Senkalsi, Nigel Drysdale, Brett Cowburn, Ken Kaiser (coach). Missing: Ian Buckley, Mike Boogard, Robert Cox, Andy Stankovic, Brett Gemmell, Bernard Kerby, Grant Lee, Simon Brandt.

The class of '78



The first Newcastle KB squad of 1978. Back row: Alan Vest (coach), Lloyd Hardes, John Sneddon, Bill Summerscales, Bill Amey, Ray Baartz, Ossie Bellamy, Frank Campbell (assistant coach). Middle row: John Turnbull, Neal Endacott, Roy Drinkwater, Slav Catalovski, Mike Galpin. Front row: Peter Kay, Peter Willis, Craig Mason, Ken Boden.

A record crowd, a TV fi

Newcastle KB United was formed on August 1, 1977, at a meeting convened by the Northern NSW Soccer Federation.

Newcastle's challenge to join national league ranks first was mounted a few months earlier by a steering committee. From the groundwork laid down by his committee, former Soccerco great Ray Baartz approached several people to help formulate a plan for the first directorship of the club. Baartz later served as a club director.

The first board of directors of the fledgling KB was headed by Mr Max Talbot, a former member of the ASF executive. Mr George Sanders, a solicitor, was treasurer and Mr Paul Trisley, also a solicitor, was secretary. Other board members were Mr Don Jones, a banking executive; Dr Alan Hoyle; Mr Harley Dixon, then president of the Northern Soccer Federation; and Mr Richard Puxty, company director.

Other directors over the years, apart from the present board, include Mr Ross Morgan, Mr Jim

McCrae, Mr Bob Thompson, Mr Kevin Thomson and Mr Sel Wagner. The administrative stability of KB is best highlighted by the fact that since entering the national competition in 1978, the club has had just three chairmen and three secretaries. In chronological order, the chairmen have been: Mr Talbot, Mr Dave Dixon and current chairman, Mr Newmark. Paul Trisley was secretary from 1978 to 1981. Dave Maguire was secretary last year and Pat Clarke is the present secretary.

Alan Vest was appointed manager-coach, a position he held until his resignation in the first week of June, 1981. Vest's part in the development of a solid, competitive



Craig Johnston

team unit cannot be over emphasised. Coaching stability has been one of the keynote's of Newcastle's rise to its present position of prominence on the NSL league ladder. Baartz took over as care-

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Ken Kaiser, 39, is in his second season as coach of Newcastle KB United's first team squad. He reckons his involvement with soccer started "from the day I learned to walk" and he has been a player and coach in the local area since he joined West Wallsend as a 17-year-old striker.

Three years later, Kaiser signed for Mayfield but his career was interrupted for six years after he suffered a severe head injury, causing loss of memory. Medical advice suggested that his playing days were ended, however Kaiser defied the odds to return to the playing field as a 27 year old, back where his senior playing days started, at West Wallsend.

He retired as a player in his early 30's and his first senior coaching appointment was with Belmont, guiding that club from Third to Second Division.

Kaiser became unhappy with the lack of application he claims can be common among players of that level. He wanted to work with more professionally minded players and to that end he entered coaching courses organised by then KB coach Alan Vest, and gained his senior coaching badge.

Let's look at Kaiser's view of the players who are bringing success to Newcastle KB United. His squad, including absentees Maier and Lowe and injured, Brett Gemmell, numbers 20. Kaiser analyses their qualities:

HOWARD TREDINNICK: "The best left back in the land as far as I'm concerned. Bar none. He concentrates on his defensive work first and his attacking prowess second. He's strong and quick with a great left foot and a good football brain."

PETER BURKE: "A leader at the back. A really good talker who keeps the guys around him on their toes, minds on the job. Good in the air and good in set piece situations when he goes forward. He came here with a reputation for scoring goals even as a centre back."

BOB MOUNTFORD: "My assistant coach, a move which received a bit of criticism at first but Bob's a real professional. A good all-round player. He's as good a header of the ball as I've seen in this country and he's great for the young guys to play alongside. Incredibly fit and strong. He broke his leg in late 1981 and didn't play at all last season but he worked unbelievably hard in the gym. He's really fit and powerful."

CLINT GOSLING: "Has a big future. He's only 21 and goalkeepers mature later than other players. He's a New Zealander and I reckon the NZ coach is keeping an eye on him because he's got great potential. He's strong, solid and has got good reflexes. Dave Maguire is our goalkeeper coach and he works Clint hard but the boy does everything asked of him."

DAVID JONES: "His speed and dynamic left foot are his main assets. He lacks a bit in self confidence and I hope to change that. He does his defensive duties well but I'd like to see him go forward a bit more. When he does, watch out."

GARY WATSON: "Tackling is his strength. I don't want to knock the other central defenders in the league but Gary's ability to pass accurately strikes me as a bit unusual. His distribution is first class."

CRAIG MASON: "His leadership qualities are outstanding, that's why he's captaining the side. He's our on-field motivator. I reckon he's really blossomed in the last year or so. He's able to see things so early."

RALPH MAIER: "He wants to make it. That's probably why he will. He's just 18 and he's prepared to go to any lengths to improve. He really listens to you. You only have to say something to him once and he picks it up straight away. He even trains on his own whenever he finds the time, that's how keen he is."

DAVID LOWE: "Ball skills to burn. Players like him aren't made, they're born, believe me. Probably there have been 100 kids in this country born with this boy's talent but they haven't worked as hard as he has. If he could go full time he could be anything. When he's 20 yards out and faces goal, my hair stands on end, because I know that something special will happen."

JOE SENKALSKI: "The most talented player in the squad. He's got class ball skills and is two footed. Unfortunately, Joe was sent off when we played Preston earlier this year and we've been winning ever since so he's found it hard to break back into the side."

NIGEL DRYSDALE: "The unluckiest player in the team this season. He played on the right side of the midfield when we beat Brisbane Lions 5-2 but he tore his groin in that match and has been out ever since. He's got a lot of ability and is really fast. He's just 19, so he's got a lot to look forward to."

BRETT COWBURN: "The second most skilful player in the squad. Actually, there's not much between him and Joe Senkalski. He's never ruffled, ever. He's got a great personality and a first class attitude."

IAN BUCKLEY: "The dearest player Newcastle's had. The club paid about \$20,000 to bring him here from the U.K. in 1981. He played about six matches then was out injured with a bad knee. He needed an operation and was out for the whole of the 1982 season. He's the fastest man in our squad. He broke down with a groin injury this year but he resumed with our youth team last Saturday."

MIKE BOOGARD: "I approached him last year to get him to work on his conditioning before joining us this year and really giving it a go to try and break into the first team. He went to Paraguay in 1979 with the Australian youth team but he hasn't stayed heavily involved in the game until his comeback with us. He's our penalty taker. He's tall and has great ability to cover for others at the back."

ROBERT COX: "Our second string goalkeeper. A local boy, only 21. He's confident, which is important in any player, especially goalkeepers. His reflexes and fitness are his strengths."

ANDY STANKOVIC: "He and Ralph Maier were contesting the right back spot pre-season until he broke a bone in his foot. He resumed on Saturday with the youth team. He's 21, 6'4", very, very quick."

BRETT GEMMELL: "Bret doesn't look likely to play this year but the club will be retaining him. He twisted his knee at training in February and he ended up having to get his cruciate ligament taken out. He's only 5'4" but he's very fast."

BERNARD KERBY: "He was captain of our youth team until this year. A right sided midfielder whose assets are his strength and vision."

GRANT LEE: "On loan from Sydney City till the end of the season. He wants to play NSL football so his attitude is right. He's got good ball skills and a lot of power in either foot."

SIMON BRANDT: "Simon's strong and fast and he's still a teenager so there's a lot of time for him to realise his potential."

Most of the young players in Kaiser's squad have been through the rigors of a weight training program and also have been under the tutelage of a sprinting coach. Their improvement has a lot to do with the success presently enjoyed by the team.

Kaiser has had a bit to do with the club's success as well. He won't readily admit to it, though.

"It's all due to the players. They want to work hard, at training and on match day. What more can I ask for?"



KB coach Ken Kaiser, fists clenched, urges on his players.

Channon on the way

Tooths, Allco main backers



Former England international striker Mike Channon arrives tomorrow (Thursday) for his second stint as a guest player with Newcastle KB United.

Channon first guested for KB in 1981. This season's stint has been made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of Newcastle Permanent Building Society and TV station NBN 3.

Channon (pictured at right with Kevin Keegan), will play six games straight for KB, four at home, and his appearance can only add to the championship aspirations of the club, which can expect a big boost in attendances with a player of Channon's quality on show.

Hampshire-born Channon has played over 600 League games for his local club, Southampton, Manchester City and Norwich City, saluting the crowd with that famous windmilling arm on more than 200 occasions. His England career spanned a mere five years, from 1973-78 during which time he accumulated 46 caps.

Tooth and Co. Ltd. made Australian soccer history on February 8, 1978, with its announcement of a three sponsorship deal with Newcastle KB United worth over \$100,000.

The huge brewing company is backing KB to the tune of \$40,000 this year.

KB's youth team is the benefactor of a \$10,000 sponsorship from Allco Steel this year, so in terms of sponsorship dollar, the club is among the elite in Australian soccer.

Most NSL clubs need between \$300,000 and \$400,000 to operate from year to year. Not so with KB, which is mounting an NSL title tilt on just \$204,000.

Earlier this year KB reassessed its projected expenditure and most players renegotiated new contracts, for less money. Not many clubs in the country could ask their first team squad to accept a decrease in wages without averting a mass walk-out. The players' acceptance of lower payments speaks volumes for their attitude toward the club. Perhaps here we find one of the keys to the on-field success of Newcastle KB United.



Bobby Charlton

day). Former Leeds United and England international full back Paul Reaney played for KB in the 1980 and 1981 seasons.

Newcastle was the boom town of Australian soccer in the late 1970's. The club pioneered match presentations, player sponsorships and media coverage. TV station NBN 3 and radio station 2KO gave KB coverage on the electronic media unparalleled in the history of Australian soccer. When KB beat the Singapore national team 1-0 in Singapore, the people of Newcastle were treated to an exclusive live telecast of the match through NBN 3, a first for Australian team sport.

Crowds at the International Sports Centre in the early years were tremendous. The average home gate in 1979 was just over 10,000, an amazing figure in the light of present day NSL attendances. On a Saturday in April, 1979, the current record attendance for a national league match was set at the International Sports Centre when KB played Sydney Olympic before 18,000 spectators.

KB reached the semi-finals of the now defunct Philips Cup in 1978, losing 2-0 to Brisbane City, and in 1979, when it was beaten on penalties by St. George. The Prime Minister's Cup, an annual

challenge trophy contested by KB and Canberra was first fought for in 1979. Canberra won the initial contest but KB has won every confrontation since for this trophy.

Players who have played with KB and have represented Australia either at youth or senior level include Col Curran, Joe Senkalski, Howard and Peter Tredinnick, Mike Boogard, Malcolm McClelland, David Lowe and Ralph Maier.

KB finished 11th in a 14-team national league in 1978, 6th in 1979 and 1980, 10th in a 16-team league in 1981, and 12th last year. The team first sat on top of the league ladder on March 25, 1979, but a four game losing sequence shortly after brought an abrupt end to hopes of challenging for the championship.

Such hopes have been rekindled once more. Whether or not they are realised is in the hands of coach Kaiser and his capable squad.

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Juventus 'supporters' shame a great club

I was at the Box Hill v Juventus match on Sunday, merely as an interested spectator. I wasn't disappointed. The scuffles, preceded by can throwing and abuse, which were a feature of the after-match entertainment, bear serious comment.

Initially, with Juventus down 1-0, its fans vented their ire on the closest linesman, for reasons which entirely escape my comprehension. The anger shown toward the referee at the end of the match doesn't baffle me, nevertheless I cannot condone it. For 70 minutes everybody's villain, the man in black, allowed a thoroughly entertaining contest to abate and flow. He was unobtrusive yet in control, qualities which quickly deserted him in the dramatic finale to an enthralling contest. However, Box Hill won this match on its merits, irrespective of what I regarded as dreadful refereeing decisions late in the game.

When the referee awarded a clear penalty to Box Hill, which was converted by Richard Miranda, and the players then ran back to the centre circle for the restart, Box Hill striker Peter Verechia made a gesture with his arms and hands that is particularly

derogatory within the Italian culture. Make no mistake about it. Verechia was gesturing to the Juventus fans. His action was deplorable and provocative, marred on this otherwise good performance from this developing young player.

As the final minutes ticked away amid increasingly baffling refereeing decisions, four or five Juventus fans left their seats in the grandstand, gestured to their compatriots to follow, and went to the edge of the ground to start their antics.

These so-called fans brought shame upon their club and everything symbolised by the world famous black and white stripes of Juventus. Brunswick United Juventus is among an elite within the history of club soccer in Victoria. Juventus is a great club, with a great name, however, it allows so-called Juventus supporters to act in the manner I witnessed on Sunday its reputation will diminish quickly. More to the point, it will find itself at the centre of VSF investigations into the behaviour of its fans and need we be reminded of the fate of Croatia back in 1972?

One final word. A so-called Juventus fan

next to me in the Wembley Park grandstand threw a can at the referee as the beleaguered official was battling his way into the dressing room. The can went perilously close to striking Juventus right back Vince Bannon, who was escorting the referee off the ground. This dummy who purports to be a Juve fan, when questioned by me over his action, said that the referee deserved what he got because he was behind Box Hill all the way. I've seen this dummy at a few Juve games. I used to think he was sensible, never guessing that he harbored a neanderthalian mentality. Then again, how people can be affected by mass hysteria, was never best displayed than by the pathetic token gesture of a wife of a Juventus player. She threw an empty paper coffee cup at the referee from the third row of the grandstand. The ref was about 25 metres away and the crumpled cup rose for a few metres then nosedived safely behind a front row seat.

By the way, the referee's inspector has a right hook that Marvellous Marvin would envy.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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	W	D	L	F	A	P
CROATIA	8	2	1	28	4	18
POLONIA	7	3	1	24	9	17
JUVENTUS	8	1	2	19	5	17
AJAX	6	4	1	21	6	16
Croydon	5	3	3	16	12	13
Morwell F.	6	1	4	17	18	13
Box Hill	5	2	4	16	14	12
Northcote	5	2	4	14	19	12
Fawkner	4	3	4	14	20	11
Doveton	3	2	6	14	21	8
S. Geo. Cross	3	1	7	16	22	7
Albion R.	1	3	7	5	16	5
Wilhelmina	1	1	9	5	21	3
Hellas	0	2	9	11	32	2

Morwell a big threat, Selwyn too



Morwell coach Tony Boggi

look set for a feast at Middle Park against South Melbourne Hellas on Saturday. Lewis bagged for goals on the weekend and gets his chance here to

jump to the head of the league's scorers' list. Croydon should be too strong for Northcote at Croydon Park with Gus MacLeod and Joe Sweeney up front. Fawkner should defeat Wilhelmina at Smith Reserve. Croatia won't slip up against Doveton and Sunshine-George Cross, despite its goal guard against Northcote, will find the well drilled Box Hill side a tough nut to crack at Chaplin Reserve.

This weekend's games with likely winners in capitals:

Albion Rovers v Polonia (draw) at Selwyn Park, 3pm.
S.M. Hellas v Green Gully Ajax at Middle Park, 3pm.

Juventus v Morwell (draw) at Olympic Park No. 2, 3pm.
Croydon v Northcote at Croydon Park, 3pm.

Fawkner v Wilhelmina at Smith Reserve, 3pm.
Doveton v Croatia at Waratah Reserve, 3pm.
S.G. Cross v Box Hill (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, 3pm.

Vrzina hits out at ref

NORTHCOTE 1 (Moore penalty 55th) **SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 5** (Pato penalty 4th, penalty 14th, Rigby 47th, Glider 57th, G. Bennett 68th) at Johan Cain Reserve, Sunday.

NORTHCOTE: Vidacic 6 — Wilson 6, Bazilakis 6, Crenny 6, Gorman 5 — Moore 8, Quigley 7 (sent off 73rd), Wright 6 — Schindler 5, Tattersall 6 (inj. Constantino 75th), Culina 7, Coach: Tony Vrzina.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Tacklis 6 — McKinlay 7, O'Reilly 8, Scott 7, Taylor 7 — Stevenson 7, Pato 7, G. Bennett 8 — Rigby 7, Glider 7, Bain 7, Coach: Tommy Traynor.

Northcote has officially protested to the VSF against referee Jim Dale and is trying to ensure that Dale is not appointed to any Northcote games for the remainder of this season.

"The game was killed in the first 14 minutes thanks to two penalty decisions which I could not believe," said Northcote coach Tony Vrzina.

"After four minutes a harmless challenge from John Crenny on Roger Bain ended up in a penalty. I was staggered. Then, not long after, Jeff Gorman slid in on Carl Glider and referee Dale again pointed to the spot. My players were shattered," Vrzina added.

Northcote midfielder Colin Quigley, with the score already at 5-1 to the combine, was sent off in the 73rd for allegedly using abusive language to a linesman. Northcote has a strict disciplinary policy which will be enforced in Quigley's case. Irrespective of the tribunal judgement, Quigley will be suspended by his club and fined \$200.

Some Northcote players dropped their heads and showed little fight after going 2-0 down and two minutes into the second half. Sunshine-George Cross went further ahead. Glider, wide on the left, turned and knocked in a superb ball which was controlled by Dave Rigby near the penalty spot then driven home, in off the upright.



LEWIS RUNS RIOT

GREEN GULLY AJAX 6 (Paul Lewis 15th, 22nd, 52nd, 57th, 64th, 42nd, Cannell 75th) d **Fawkner 1** (Cozzella 35th) at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7, Peter Lewis 6, Cannell 6, Short 5, Hoggan 5, Boyls 6 (inj. Mancinelli 70th), Smallman 7, Vassallo 7, Williams 6, Paul Lewis 5, Toal 7, Coach Len McKeirney.

FAWKNER: Terzini 4, Sabbadini 4 (Curcio HT 4), Kondoridis 5, Fatore 4, Schipano 5, Bazilakis 5, Angelino 5, C. Sabidussi 4, Palinkas 5, Tuffield 6, Cozzella 5, Coach Cedo Cirikovic.

State League's leading marksman in 1982, Ajax striker Paul Lewis re-affirmed his claims for top scorer's honors this season by tearing the Fawkner defence apart at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday with a superb four goal performance.

The match was watched by former England manager Ron Greenwood. Ajax's special guest for the day, and he wasn't disappointed by the spectacle.

The pace of Paul Lewis was a constant danger to Fawkner and after just 15 minutes, the quicksilver Ajax striker broke through and struck a low shot

from the angle past Rob Terzini to make it 1-0.

Lewis put Ajax further ahead seven minutes later when he stole in behind Jim Konarios to head home from a corner.

Fawkner hit back in the 35th minute when Bruno Cozzella, put in possession by Andy Bazilakis, beat his opponent and struck the ball past Lou Denys from 10 metres to make it 2-1.

But a few minutes before half time a superb inter-passing move, starting with goalkeeper Denys, led to Ajax's third goal. The ball was worked up the left and the move was capped off by Bobby Toal who pot clean through and slotted the ball past a helpless Terzini.

Paul Lewis completed the hat-trick in the 52nd minute when he broke through after receiving the ball from Dave Hoggan, cut back onto his right foot, and from the left of the area curled the ball past Terzini and inside the far upright to make it 4-1.

Lewis' fourth and Ajax's fifth goal, in the 57th minute, turned the match into a rout and a cracking drive from Stuart Cannell from 15 metres, completed Ajax's convincing display.

McIntyre and Pocock back

MORWELL FALCONS 1 (McGuinness penalty 74th) **ALBION ROVERS 0** at North Ciningan Reserve, Saturday.

MORWELL FALCONS: White-side 7 — Bingham 6, Irvine 7, Taylor 7, Train 7 — Mitten 6, Young 6 (T. van der 70th), Maclean 9, O'Callaghan 7 — Evans 6, McGuinness 7, Coach: Tony Boggi.

ALBION ROVERS: Costello 8, Galois 5 (Douglas 80th), Hennessy 8, Doyle 7, Stuart 5, Farrie 7, Reilly 7, A. Bennett 6, Gray 4 — Macleod 6, D'Sylva 4 (McIntyre 76th), Coach: Hugh Murray.

Former State League stalwart, striker Billy McIntyre, made a return to top level with a 76th minute appearance as an Albion substitute and he should be joined this week by another veteran striker Ray Pocock.

No doubt both "newcomers" still have something to offer at this level and their experience should be a bonus for the struggling Albion, which will be further strengthened on the weekend by the return of striker Peter Dickson from suspension.

quietly, however the former Eire youth international relished his new responsibility. Mitten has played as a winger before, so with two wide flanking midfielders in their 4-2 formation who can get forward, Falcons have added a new dimension to their attacking capability. Harry Bingham has played the last two games at right back and has done well, solving the problems which recently had arisen there. Grant Smart, Falcons right back last year, has been transferred listed, at his own request, at \$2,000.

Falcons dominated this clash with Albion for long periods, so much so that Falcons' goalkeeper Bill White-side had little to do. Albion didn't create even one clear cut scoring chance.

Nevertheless, it looked as if the visitors to the Latrobe Valley were going to hold out for a draw until the 70th minute when new signing from Green Gully Ajax, midfielder Alan Bennett, was involved with Falcons' midfielder Jim McLean in an off-the-ball incident inside the Albion area and the referee immediately pointed to the penalty spot. Bobby McGuinness made the conversion which gave the home side its 1-0 victory.

big threat, Selwyn too

Juventus faces a giant task on Sunday against Morwell Falcons and the black and whites' title aspirations are on the line here.

Juve, downed 1-0 by Box Hill last weekend, cannot afford to slip up here if it hopes to continue its challenge for the top-of-the-table spot. Morwell, on the other hand, after successive wins, is three points off the top four pace and must defeat Juventus to have any realistic chance of taking part in the end-of-season State League Cup.

The game is something of a homecoming for Morwell coach Tony Boggi, the former Juve boss, and he'll be keen to well against his old club. Likewise, Morwell striker Bobby Guinness, will be out to show the partisan home crowd that he

has lost none of the scoring touch he displayed during his two seasons with the Italian sponsored outfit.

With Andrew Zinni back from injury, Juventus' attack will have the width and pace it so badly lacked against the Hillmen but I'm backing the Latrobe Valley outfit to keep Juve at bay and snatch a point.

Polonia faces a danger game against Albion Rovers on Saturday. The ball playing Polish players in Polonia's line-up will find the contours of Selwyn Park a handful. You can't string passes together on what is the worst pitch in the league and mst games degenerate into long kicking the ball long and early into your attacking third and hoping for the best. That won't suit Polonia and that's why I think Albion can stage a point here.

Green Gully Ajax strikers Paul Lewis and Bobby Toal

LOUGHNANE IS LISTED

Ian Loughnane, 22, equal top scorer in the Victorian State League in 1981, has asked Croydon City for a transfer.

Croydon has set a transfer fee of \$4500 but it is negotiable.

Interested clubs should ring Croydon's Laurie Cooper on 758 6750 after hours.

NICK TIPS WIN AT FAWKNER

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 CROYDON 2 (Nolan 4th, Sweeney 14th) at Jubilee Park, Sunday.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Janssen 5 — Patman 6, Brooker 6, G. Haupt 7, Kevin Adams (Varniers 12th) — Tattersall 4, Gibson 7, Burton 7, Stewart 6 — O'Reilly 6, Cork 6, Coach: Nick van Egmond.

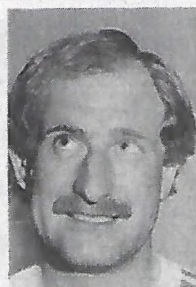
CROYDON: Kastner 7 — Rainey 7, Brown 7, McCann 8, Hoban 7 — Nolan 6, Rooney 6, Wade 6 — P. Loughnane 7, Sweeney 7, Irvine 6 (G. Macleod 75th), Coach: Bill McArthur.

Two goals to Croydon in the first 12 minutes were enough to give Bill McArthur's outfit confidence in this local derby despite a spirited second half display from home side Ringwood Wilhelmina.

Wilhelmina coach, Nick van Egmond, believes his side is on the threshold of a win and is tipping a victory against Fawkner at Smith Reserve on Sunday.

Croydon's new signing from Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$2,500, striker Gus Macleod, was on the bench but replaced Steve Irvine in the last 15 minutes. Macleod and another Croydon newcomer, striker Joe Sweeney, were team mates at Scottish club Pollok, scoring over 200 goals between them in just three seasons so Croydon fans have every reason to feel confident that their side is one of the most competent attacking units in State League.

Croydon's recruiting campaign is almost over for this season. The club still is on the look-out for one more player to round off its squad. Coach McArthur hopes to sign either a midfielder or back four player before the June 30 transfer deadline.



New Croydon signing, Gus Macleod

After just four minutes in this clash the visitors to Jubilee Park took the lead. A long throw-in from Gary Hobson was headed on at the near post and Terry Nolan got the touch that mattered from close range.

In the 12th minute a square pass from Wilhelmina left back Kevin Adams was intercepted. Rick Janssen was shot and Sweeney, following in, made it 2-0.

Paul O'Reilly and Kenny Stewart went close for Wilhelmina in the second half but the home side found it hard to break down Croydon's defensive discipline.

Wilhelmina completed the signing of Des Shannon from Croydon last week. Shannon played in the reserves along with last year's regular Wilhelmina goalie, Ken Barclay, and both players should push for senior selection soon.

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Voting for our Player of the Year award is on the 3-2-1 basis for each State League match. In the event of a tie, the player scoring most three votes will be declared the winner. This week's votes:

Morwell v Albion: 3 MacLean (M); 2 Costello (A); 1 Mitten (M).

Polonia v Doveton: 3 Lepiarski (P); 2 Dzielakowski (P); 1 Webster (D).

Croatia v S.M. Hellas: 3 Cumming (C); 2 Hannah (C); 1 Brogan (C).

Wilhelmina v Croydon: 3 Stewart (W); 2 McCombe (C); 1 P. Loughnane (C).

S.G. Cross v Northcote: 3 G. Bennett (SGC); 2 O'Reilly (SGC); 1 Moore (N).

Ajax v Fawkner: 3 Paul Lewis (A); 2 Peter Lewis (A); 1 Short (A).

Box Hill v Juventus: 3 Miranda (BH); 2 P. Bannon (J); 1 Brownlie (BH).

Progressive votes: 14 — Moore (Northcote); 13 — MacLean (Morwell); 11 — Milla (Polonia); 10 — Keogh (Doveton).

Leading scorers: 9 — Latif (Croatia); 8 — Paul Lewis (Ajax); 7 — McGuinness (Morwell); 6 — Nolan (Croydon); 5 — Shall (Polonia); 4 — Smallman (Ajax).

'KEEPER WANTED

Doncaster Rovers want a goalkeeper for their Thirds team that plays on Sundays. Anyone interested should ring Brian Burton on 890 6795.

North stakes its claim

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RIGORI CONDANNANO JUVENTUS E PREMIANO MORWELL

L'undicesima giornata del campionato di lega statale ha riservato grosse amarezze per le squadre italiane. La Juventus ha perso il primato in classifica dopo una prova deludente sotto tanti punti di vista sul campo: "In discesa" e fango di Box Hill in cui veniva giustiziata da un rigore a dieci minuti dalla fine.

Il Morwell non convinceva tanto contro il modestissimo Albion e coglieva l'intera posta solo grazie ad un rigore trasformato da McGuinness, mentre il Fawknor veniva travolto dal Green Gully con il punteggio tennis di 6-1.

La sconfitta della Juventus, anche se inattesa, stava nell'aria da diverso tempo, poiché la rosa dei titolari si andava assottigliando con il passare delle settimane e il comitato bianconero non sembrava avesse la cognizione della gravità della situazione e sembrava sperare nella buona stella invece di prendere provvedimenti. Si sapeva da prima del campionato che l'incantesimo sarebbe stato assente per diverse settimane con la nazionale giovanile impegnata in Messico, sono molte settimane che Cavallari e Heery hanno lasciato la squadra e che Zinni e' stato messo fuori causa da consecutivi seri infortuni. E' molto tempo che predichiamo

al vento su questo proposito, se ce ne fosse stato bisogno, ma il comitato juventino si e' perso in inconcludenti trattative per fuoriclasse mentre avrebbe dovuto invece puntare per qualche discreto rincalzo che si fosse accontentato di stare in panchina o di giocare fra le riserve.

Gia' dalla partita di Ringwood, tre settimane fa, la Juventus era rimasta con 10 titolari di cui uno, Rogers, in precarie condizioni fisiche. La settimana dopo era Swinscoe a dover giocare con un ginocchio malandato e si tornava ad 11 titolari con il ritorno da squalifica di Pat Bannon. Questa settimana, con Zinni no290 12

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with ROCKY DI ZIO

tro che ha riportato una lacerazione alla testa. Condannare il drappello di scalmanati che ha inscenato la gazzarra sarebbe un grosso palliativo poiché il calcio e' fatto di emozioni a volte incontrollabili di cui si dovrebbe preoccupare la forza dell'ordine. A Box Hill invece la forza dell'ordine e' arrivata solo dopo che il fattaccio si era concluso, anche se da almeno un quarto d'ora dalla fine della partita l'ira della folla si era manifestata con il lancio di vari missili ad un segnale e la ressa di tifosi vicino il recinto del campo. I dirigenti di casa avrebbero dovuto immediatamente avvertire la polizia e nel frattempo organizzare valide misure di sicurezza.

rezza con mezzi propri e magari reclutando dei dirigenti juventini. Dal punto di vista tecnico la partita ha avuto due volti completamente diversi. Nel primo tempo la Juventus ha dominato in lungo ed in largo minacciando continuamente la porta avversaria. Purtroppo l'impressione degli avversari ha ridotto al nulla questa netta superiorita'. Nel secondo tempo invece la Juventus, giocando in salita ed ovviamente provata dallo sforzo dei primi 45 minuti su un campo pesante e scivoloso, ha ceduto le redini dell'incanto ad un Box Hill piu' dotato fisicamente e che ha saputo adattarsi alle pessime condizioni del campo con un gioco piu' diretto e redditizio e tiri da lontano che sono stati salvati con una certa difficoltà da un Clayton molto attento. Il vecchio Pat Bannon e' stato un buon gladiatore ed ha scongiurato altri seri pericoli. In avanti Lloyd e Nelson si sono persi in un gioco fatto di troppi passaggi e di un grande inutile correre. Il centrocampista e' crollato a causa delle precarie condizioni fisiche di Swinscoe e Rogers e la mediocre giornata di Ged Bannon. Per French e' necessaria una nota a parte.

Dopo le tre reti messe a segno la settimana scorsa, il centravanti e' stato ovviamente fatto segno di una marcatura spietata da parte del gigantesco Brownley, ma non ha mai smesso di combattere e spesso e' retrocesso in difesa al seguito del suo marcatore che andava avanti per tutti i calci piazzati. I suoi suggerimenti ai compagni di prima linea venivano spesso non capiti o resi inutili dalla lentezza di Lloyd che domenica ha dimostrato nuovamente di non essere una punta, ma una brillante mezzapunta che dovrebbe giocare perciò piu' arretrato. Semmai chi piu' rassomiglia ad una punta e' Nelson con la sua velocita' e prontezza di tiro. Invece nel secondo tempo e' stato proprio Nelson ad essere mandato indietro a dar man forte al centrocampista. Sono queste soltanto delle sfumature che hanno avuto un peso marginale sul risultato, sancito da un rigore concesso da Drinocky e realizzato da Miranda, la cui essenza e' da ascrivere alla mancanza di validi rincalzi.

Questo problema, inoltre, sta rendendo sempre piu' scoraggiante il comportamento della squadra riserve che, priva dei suoi migliori elementi selezionati per la panchina della prima, sta mettendo vistosi insuccessi. Questo non e' certamente il modo migliore per incoraggiare i volenterosi giovani del "Club Juventus" che hanno assunto la responsabilita' finanziaria ed organizzativa delle squadre cadette. Un buon reclutamento di giocatori di una certa consistenza era pur sempre responsabilita' del comitato centrale che aveva assunto un allenatore a "tempo pieno" anche per condurre provini all'inizio di stagione e contribuire alla preparazione tecnica delle riserve. I buoni propositi sono rimasti solo tali e la squadra cadetti rassomiglia piu' ad una formazione giovanile che ad una fatti di validi rincalzi. Anche se alcuni ele-

menti tecnicamente ben dotati non mancano, l'esperienza, la prestanza fisica e anche la minima parvenza di gioco di squadra sono completamente assenti.

La responsabilita' per questo pietoso stato di cose fra le riserve, che domenica hanno perso per 1-7, deve ricadere completamente sulle spalle del comitato centrale con l'aggravante rappresentato dal validissimo aiuto dagli addetti al comitato del "Club Juventus".

LENTA RIPRESA DEL MORWELL

Il Morwell ha sofferto piu' del previsto contro il modesto, ma migliorato, Albion ed e' riuscito a spuntarla grazie ad un rigore messo a segno da McGuinness. Per l'occasione Boggi aveva ripromesso in prima squadra Darby e Mitten e la manovra e' apparsa abbastanza fluida grazie soprattutto alla grande giornata di McLean, migliore in campo, e di Bingham che hanno dominato il centrocampo e dato preziosi palloni in avanti senza però che gli attaccanti li sfruttassero adeguatamente. Alla metà del secondo tempo Van Baar prendeva il posto di Young e la manovra azzurra acquistava piu' decisione. Dal piede di Van Baar partiva il passaggio che metteva McLean in posizione di segnare; il suo atterramento da



lasciare fuori Cavallari che finalmente aveva ottenuto il rilascio dalla Juventus.

Ovvio che una partita contro il Green Gully non e' l'ideale per alcun esordio, ma la lunga esperienza e l'indubbia classe di Cavallari avrebbero potuto dettarne l'impiego, almeno per mezza partita.

La prova generale del Fawknor, piu' che la sconfitta in se' stessa, aveva affiorato grossi timori sul comportamento futuro della squadra. C'e' da sperare che con il rientro di Bruno Sabidussi e l'innesto di Cavallari la squadra possa contare su un centrocampo piu' efficace e costruttivo perché difesa ed attacco non sono certo a corto di buoni elementi.

Nelle prossime settimane perciò l'orgoglio del club e la capacita' di Cirkovic e del comitato di rianimare una squadra avvilita saranno messi alla prova.

RISUSCITA IL THOMAS-TOWN

L'altra vedetta del calcio italiano a Melbourne, il Thomas-Town, ha ottenuto una vistosa vittoria per 3-1 sul forte Nunawading City. La squadra si trova ancora nei quartieri bassi della classifica del campionato di seconda divisione, ma non e' estranea a lunghi inaspettati ed ha ancora il tempo di portarsi in zona promozione, a condizione però che la bella prova della settimana scorsa diventi un fenomeno settimanale.

WESTALL UNA BELLA REALTA'

Nella lega dilettanti la squadra italiana del Westall si sta coprendo di gloria con una marcia sicura e brillante che la vede gia' al primo della classifica nel comitato girone.

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SOUTH HOBART, 1983, back row (left to right): M. Nelson, S. Bishop, G. Clark, S. Rakowski (Coach), S. Dowker, C. Carver, C. Cernidge. Front row (left to right): B. Sherman, K. Wright, D. Potts, C. Forsberg, S. Robins, M. Fielding.

Sth Hobart turns 73

South Hobart Soccer Club celebrated its 73rd anniversary with a gala function in Hobart.

About 200 people attended, including many life members, past and present players, supporters, and officials of the Tasmanian Soccer Association.

Vic Tutting, senior vice president of the ASF and president of the Tasmanian Soccer Federation, was also present.

South Hobart is presently playing in Rothmans Division I after being relegated from the State League at the end of last season. The club fields a senior side, a reserve side, and eight junior teams.

— WALTER PLESS



Life members and present members of the South Hobart Soccer Club with ASF vice president Vic Tutting, at the club's birthday celebrations. Back row (left to right): W.A. Fleck, S. Moffatt, A. Lavelle, Mrs A. Tate, S. McGuire, Vic Tutting MBE, Mrs D. Hudson, D. Rawlings, F. Collis. Front row (left to right): B. Lonergan, B. Roberts, D. Jacoora, J. Davidson, L. McGuinness, B. Hudson.

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Εκτός έδρας το Καίτων Χιλ νίκησε και το Μέλτον και κερδίζει μία σταθερή θέση κοντά στους πρώτους. Τα γκολ της ελληνικής ομάδας τα πέτυχαν οι Άντριαντς και Μάκας. Τα δύο επόμενα παιχνίδια είναι πράγματι φωτιά για το Καίτων Χιλ και παίκτες και προπονητής θα πρέπει να δώσουν την κατάλληλη προσοχή για να μη χάσουν βαθμό. Τόσο το Λαίτλορ όσο και το 'Νοτ Μπράν-γούιτ είναι δυνατές ομάδες αλλά όχι και άκωχτες.

ΓΙΑ ΤΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ ΕΝ/ΝΟΤΙΩΝ 5 - Ι ΝΙΚΗ ΚΑΙ ΠΡΟΚΡΙΣΗ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ Γ' ΓΥΡΟ

Δυνατή η Ήν. Ποντλιν κέρδισε το αντιπα-λητικό Στ. Άλμπαρν για το κύπελλο του 'Ιντερνάλ με 5-1. Η ελληνική ομάδα προηγήθηκε με τον Χ. Κουρουκίδη αλλά το Στ. Άλμπαρν ισοφάρι-σε. Η συνέχεια όμως ήταν για την Ένωση Ποντλιν που κυριάρχησε μέσα στο γήπεδο και πέτυχε άλλα τρία τέρματα με τον Τζέ-Κατλίνιο και ένα με τον Μήλιο από πέναλ-τυ. Από την νικήτρια δεν υπέστησε κανένας και έπαιξαν οι Φόξ, Κωνσταντίνος, Γ. Μπα-κόπουλος, Κουλούδας, Στελένης, Τζέν Κατλίν-ιο, Μήλιος, Σπυριδίου, Στρίβ Κουρουκίδη, Χ. Κουρουκίδη και Τζέ Κατλίνιο.

ΒΑΡΕΙΑ ΕΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΑΚΑΗ

Για το πρωτάθλημα του Στέτς Λήκν ο 'Βρα-κλίν έχασε από την Π. Κρόν 5-1. Η διαίτητρια στάθηκε μοιραία για την ελλη-νική ομάδα γιατί στα πρώτα 10 λεπτά ο ρεφερέ είχε δώσει δύο πέναλτυ εις βάρος της. Το μοναδικό τέρμα πέτυχε ο Στρίβ Νορ και ξεχώρισαν οι Γκούλιν, Ερίν και ο σκό-περ. Η ΔΟΑ ΉΝΤΟΝ ΚΑΤΙ ΑΛΛΟ ΚΑΙ ΔΙΕΤΥΞΕ ΤΟ ΚΟΚΚΙΝΟΜΥΝ ΚΑΙ ΤΗΝ ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ ΤΗΣ ΓΙΑ ΤΟΝ ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟΝ ΓΥΡΟ. Η ΠΡΩΤΟΚΟΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΑΔΗΤΗΤΗ ΔΕΧΑ ΓΙΕΡΡΑ-ΒΙΛ ΕΚΤΟΣ ΕΔΡΑΣ ΔΙΕΛΥΣΕ ΤΟ ΙΔΙΟΜΟΡΦΟΝ ΜΕ 4-0 ΤΟ ΟΠΟΙΟ ΑΝΤΕΤΕ ΜΟΝΟ 40' ΛΕΠΤΑ.

Η ελληνική ομάδα άνοιξε το σκόρ με τον Τζέμ Δημητρίου ο οποίος από την ώρα που πήρε στόν άγωνα, άλλαξε όλο το παιγ-νίδι.

Στο Β' μέρος η Δόξα δεν κινούνταν με κόν-τρα τον Δόξα και πέτυχε άλλα 3 γκολ με τον Πάμ Πετρίδη. Από την νικήτρια δεν υπέστησε κανένας αλλά η γραμμή των μέσων με τους Τερζάκη, Καλλιπολίτη και Τζ. Δημητρίου πήρε έρι-στα.

Έπαιξαν οι Ν. Αποστολίδης, Τζαμπίλης, Ντ. Αποστολίδης, Αμανατίδης, Σ. Δημητρίου, Τερζά-κης, Καλλιπολίτης, Πετρίδης, Σανδούκας (42 Τζ. Δημητρίου), Λιακόπουλος, (75' Σακίρας) Ν. Μελέτης.

ΕΚΛΕΞΕ ΤΟ ΑΝΤΙΣΤΟ ΤΟ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

Το Μάλβερν Σίτυ έκανε την πρώτη του ήτ-τα στο πρωτάθλημα από το πολύ καλό ιδά-λυντ με 2-0. Η ελληνική ομάδα παρά το ότι έπαιξε με-σα στην έδρα της δεν μπόρεσε να πάρει ού-τε την ισοπαλία.

Έπαιξαν οι Μανέν, Παπαδόπουλος, Μενίσης, Εύρορας, Πετρόπουλος, Μακρίδης, Τριανταφυ-λίδης, Κυριαζόπουλος, Δελιγιάννης, Ταχιάδης, Αρζάνης, Αζιτομάκης.

Η Β' ομάδα νίκησε 5-1 (Ρομπίνσον 2, Γεωργι-άδης, Χ. Μαυρίδης και Μπαρμπάκης).

ΟΤΣΟ ΘΕΛΑΜ ΚΑΙ ΑΠΟΧΗ ΤΩΝ ΦΙΛΑΘΛΩΝ

Για μία ακόμη φορά φέτος είδαμε στόν άγωνα το Μήνα με το Γουόλκονγκ ποδόσφαι-ρο πάλι κάθε άλλο παρά ποδόσφαιρο είναι. Για 90 λεπτά 22 παίκτες και 6 διαίτητες έτρεχαν χωρίς να μάρ-κισουν πώς έπαι-ζαν το πρώτο σκόρ στον κόσμο. Τό να φεύγουμε ένθουςιασμένοι γιατί πή-ραμε μία νίκη και τους 3 βαθμούς δεν εί-ναι άρκετο όταν σε όλο το άγωνα δεν βέ-λουμε μία σωστή ενέργεια. Σβύτως που το μάτλαβαν οι φιλάθλοι και δεν δίνουν κλάση 5 δολάρια για να δούν κλάση σκόρ.

Η προσέλευση των φιλάθλων που δεν ξεπε-ρνούσαν τους... 500 το απέδειξε και είμα-στε σίγουροι ότι θα λιγοστεύουν από Κυ-ριακή σε Κυριακή.

Για τους υπεύθυνους του συλλόγου έχουμε να τους πούμε το εξής: 'Ας πάλι να δούν τις μικρές ομάδες το ποδόσφαιρο που καί-ζουν και δεν αποκατέλει να τις ζηλέφουν γιατί πράγματι δίνουν έθλημα.

Λά στόν 'Αλέξανδρο κάτι φαίνεται και δεν πεί-ναλλά και μάλιστα στα οικονομικά. 'Ακριβός γι' αυτό βήκε... παγανιά δ' πρό-εδρος και ζητάει 100 δολάρια από το κα-θε μέλος του συλλόγου που όμως οι πύ-πολλοι των έχουν άγνοήσει.

Φιλάθλοι λοιπόν λίγοι πεί-να και πεί-να σε μικρό διάστημα θα πάμε από το κακό στο χειρότερο. Κι' όλα αυτά γιατί η ποιότητα είναι το χειρότερο είδος για ποδόσφαι-ρο όπως προσφέρεται σήμερα από τους παί-κτες του Μήνα. Και έσόμενος είναι όταν από την άσχημή της συνείδηση παίξει με ένα τσούρ-μο χαράδες και κανένα επιθετικό.

ΜΕ 1000 ΔΟΛΛΑΡΙΑ Ο Χ. ΓΟΥΛΑΝΟΠΟΥΛΟΣ ΠΗΡΕ ΠΑΡΑΠΟΝΤΑ ΚΑΙ... ΝΤΑΗ

Χάος στο χόρσ στόν 'Αλέξανδρο και μάρ-τ απέδειξε πρόφατα με έναν τύπο και φίλο του Μήνα που μάλλον κακά θα του κάνει πα-ρά καλό. Συγκεκριμένα έδωσε στόν σύλλογο 1000 δολ-λάρια και 6 χόρσος 'Αρτέμης έσπευσε να τον κάνει και παρόντα στόν 'Αλέξανδρο. Και ο νέος αυτός παρών που δεν ξέρουμε αν σκό χωρίο του είχε δολι μπάλλα και ίσως να νόμιζε ότι είναι τετράγωνη, απέδειξε την περασμένη Κυριακή ότι είναι και νταής

όταν μίλησε άσχημα σε αθλητικογράφο και τότε επετέθηκε κι' όλος όταν ο τελευταίος ήθελε να βάλει το αλκοιμικό του στο παρ-κινγκ.

Και πάλι τον Χ. Γουλιόπουλο: 'Υπάρχουν ειδικά μέσα για το πάρκινγκ που ζητούσε ο νταής του πορτιέρη.

'Αν υπάρχουν τότε φέρε ο ίδιος την εθύ-νη που δεν έχει δώσει στόν αθλητικογρά-φο.

'Αν όμως δεν υπάρχουν τότε θα πρέπει να τοποθετεί ανθρώπους πεπειραμένους που να έχουν πάνω απ' όλα τρόπους και μετά να ζέ-ρουν πρόσωπα τουλάχιστο γνωστά που πάνε κι' έρχονται στό γήπεδο.

'Αλλά ξεχάσαμε πως τους καλούς και τους πεπειμαμένους σάν τον κ. Φώτη Καρυπίδη ή τον κ. Στρίβ Γουλιόπουλο τους ανάγκαζε με τον τρόπο του να παραιτηθούν.

'Αλλά δεν πειράζει σε τίποτα όπως φαίνε-ται τον κύριο πρόεδρο που φροντίζει να παίρνει νέους παρόντες

Αρκεί να του δώσουν από 1000 δολάρια ο καθ' ένας... Και μετά σκό λένε ότι το ποδόσφαιρο δεν πεί-ναλλά. Μά με τέτοια χάλια πώς να πεί-να;

Σπειδή όμως ο χόρσος δεν μάρ-κισουν θά συνεχίσουμε την έρχομενη βδομάδα και με μπόλικες αποκαταθείς προκειμένου να μά-θει ο κάθε φιλάθλος του Μήνα την αλή-θεια.

Dalglish

Kenny Dalglish played the Sports Writer's Player of the Year Award to go along with the PFA one he took earlier and also the "Match Weekly" Player of the Year and tops with several other publica-tions.

Offer off

English League Football is in a cold sweat over the fact that the BBC/ITV consortium has now withdrawn its \$18.6 million bid to screen games.

Friendly Jair

Penarol of Brazil whose midfielder Jair won a call the best player in the World Club Championship in Tokyo, then refused to sell it and share the cash with his team-mates, has thrown a big party for all the team in an effort to win back their friendship.

Liechtenstein

When Liechtenstein travelled to Holland recently to play an Olympic qualifying game its sup-port totalled one fan who had travelled by train. He was given the VIP treatment and viewed the game from Liechtenstein's bench alongside the national coach.

Stielike

West German strongman and sweeper Uli Stielike seems certain to sign a new two-year contract with Real Madrid despite an attractive offer from Inter Milan.

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JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

PODVIG MAKEDONIJE U BRIZBANU PLAVIMA IZMAKLA POBEDA

Lions je poveo u prvom minutu protiv Makedonije, ali su gosti u samposkonu stilu preuzeli inicijativu i zasluženog pregazili ambicioznog domaćina. Sa dolaskom Zarka Ostakova "crveno-crni" su dobili crvinstu neophrdnu za dugi u neposrednu borbu na vrhu tabele. Opcigledno, Makedonija ima najviše izgleda da se nadje usamljena na vrhu daleko pr završetka prvenstva.

Iduće nedjelje na svom igralistu, Makedonija doće-kuju Canberra City, što će biti lak zalogaj. JUST je bio nesretan prošle nedjelje, kada je pružio jednu od najboljih igara u ovoj sezini, ali je morao da se zadovolji sa jednim mrsivim bodom. Da su "plavi" igrali tako grubo i ostro kao Brisbane City u gostima, dobili bi najmanje dva crvena kartona. Čili smo mnoge kritike na račun defanzivne igre JUST-a, ali ni jednu na račun greške igre mnogih timova u Nacionalnoj igri. Kod mnogih trenera vazi pravilo, ako lopta prodje ne sme igrač. Zbog toga je Igor Hazabent javio završio utakmicu, dok je Jamie Paton otišao kući na stakama.

Iako su "plavi" izgubili dva dragocenna boda njihova igra ohrabruje. Jasno je, formira se jedan tim sa daleko većim mogućnostima nego što je njegov polo-žaj na tabeli. Najveće blago su, u ovom trenutku mlađi igrači Vlatko Belic i Sulejman Curovic, a njima ce se uskoro priključiti i Slobodan Stojcevski. Sa ovom trojkom, novajlijom McDowellom i ostalim iskusnim igračima JUST može i mora da se oslobodi brige za opstanak u Nacionalnoj ligi.

U nedjelju 5. juna PLAVI gostuju u Wollongongu, gde igraju protiv posljednjeg na tabeli, od koga imaju dva boda više. Ova utakmica je važna prekretnica. Ako JUST pobjedi, sto je nužno i moguce, nastace sve-žiji dani, neophodni za ostvarivanje ostalih planova, koji su u zaostatku zbog neuspjeha na zelenom polju. Dok se na jednoj strani, igrici JUST-a koprcuju da stanu na svoje noge sa potpunim uspjehom, dotle članovi "plavog" tabora optimistički preduzimaju da-

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U subotu 11. juna bira se Miss JUST za 1983. godinu u Dandenong Town Hall-u, kada se održava i popu-larna zabava PLAVO VECE.

NEIZVESNOST U DRZAVNOJ LIGI

Juventus se nije dugo održao na prvom mestu. Croatia je ponovo lider, ali neizvesnost ce trajati do kraja prvenstva, jer nema više stabilnih timova. Ford svih popuna i krupnih izjava Fawknar i North-cote City pokazuju da su divovi na staklenim nogama.

U sledecem 12. kolu, Croatia i Juventus mogu do-izeti neugodna iznenađenja protiv Dovetona, odnosno Morwell Falconsa. Fawknar ima, na papiru, laku utakmicu protiv Witihelmine na svom terenu.

PRVA DIVIZIJA

FRANKSTONE PINES — ALTONA GATE/VAR-DAR 2:2 (0:2). Igraci Vardara su ugodno iznenadili svoje navijace, iako su prokockali pobjedu, jer su dugi vodili sa 2:0. Strelci: Fred Beller i Mendo Ristovski iz penala. Vardar bi se sigurno vratio kući sa oba boda da se Hristo Dimitrijević nije uspravio i primio jeftin gol sa 30 metara. Posle dužeg odustava zbog povrede ponovo je zaigrao Vlado Kotevski. Zauzeo je mesto Chris Talevskog, koji odlazi na odmor u Jugoslaviju. Rezerva je pobjedila sa 4:3. U subotu 4. juna Altona Gate doće-kuje na Paisley Reserve Western Suburbs.

DRUGA DIVIZIJA

KEILOR/Austria — Drugi tim JUST-a 1:1 (0:1). Austria je bila izvanredan domaćin, ali je nexaslužno uzela bod "plavima". JUST je poveo u 30. minutu golom Tom Karica, zatim je propustio iz lepih pri-klada da poviši rezultata, a domaćin je iz jedne bez-pasne akcije izjednačio u 83. minutu. Najbolji igrači

po oceni sudje: Emil Petrov, Ariel Perez Reigosa i Jorgo Gagje. Rezerve su takodje igrane nereseno 1:1 (0:1). JUST je prvi postigao gol preko Andrije Merni-ka. Najbolji igrači: Zdenko Jovic, Ivica Karic i Ne-deljko Rajic, koji se oporavio isod povrede. U subotu 4. juna JUST igra na svom igralistu protiv Prahran/S-lavije, koja se ukopala na zadnjem mestu.

SPRINGVALE CITY — RINGWOOD/SRBILJA 1:1 (1:1). Dva golmana, obojica nasi momci, bili su junaci ove utakmice: Mirko Runje za Springvale City i Dragan Mislavcivic za Srbiju. Domaci tim je poveo sa 1:0 u 22. minutu, a gosti su izjednačili iz penala u 32. minutu. Strelac za Srbiju Peter Vaughan. Rezerve su takodje igrane nereseno 2:2 (1:1). Oba gola za Srbiju postigao je Steve Masters. U subotu 4. juna Srbija igra protiv North Dandenonga na svom igralis-tu.

DRUGI TIM MAKEDONIJE — DANDENONG CITY 0:1. Pobjedo je sretniji tim, jer je igra bila rav-noprvana. U subotu 4. juna drugi tim Makedonije igra u Ardeuru.

PROVIZIONALNE DIVIZIJE

MONASH UNIVERSITY — CARLTON/MLADOST 1:3 (0:0). Zasluzena pobjeda, iako rezultat nije realan, jer je Mladost potpuno nadigrala borbenog domaćina. Strelci: Pande Capaculovski i 2 Milorad Mislavciv-je. Rezerva Mladosti pobjedila je sa 5:1 (2:0). Strel-ci: C. Pitilosi, M. Gvozdic, T. Ardeljan, G. Lazivski i autogol. U subotu 4. juna Carlton/Mladost igra protiv Shepparton Citya.

HAWKSBURG — YARRAVILLE 0:4 (0:1). Gosti su zasluženno pobjedili, ali rezultat je previsok, jer su igrači Hawthorna imali dobre šanse da smanje poraz. Od kako su otišli Slavko Visic i Joe Sabo, Hawksburn ne može da pronadje vezne igrača i zato gubi bitke na sredini terena. Rezer-rva je izgubila sa 1:3 (1:1). Jedini gol postigao je Slavko Drilic. U subotu 4. juna Hawksburn igra u Ballaratu, gde oba tima odlaze au-tobusom.

BRATSTVO/JEDINSTVO — HAMPTON WANDE-RERS 1:0 (0:0). Zadnje tri pobjede postignute su vise srecom nego znanjem, sto je pocelo da zabri-njava

trenera Cveka. Navijaci su zadovoljni, jer nije sala osvojiti 22 boda na 11 utakmica. Jedini gol postigao je Zdravko Dabic u 76. minutu. Najbolji igrači: Zdravko Dabic, Petar Dekic i Dragoslav Jelicic. Rezerva je pobjedila sa 8:1 (4:1). Strelci: Joe Francisti 3, Emin Hasic 2, Toma Okovic, Ljubisa Tomic i Zlatko Basic. U subotu 4. juna Bratstvo/Jedinstvo odlazi u goste West Geelong/Makedoniji.

PASCOE VALE/PELISTER/UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE 2:1 (1:1). Strelci: Tony Centarrino i Tome Apostolovski. Golman gostiju spasao je svoj tim od katastrofe, ali i greda dva puta. Sledecce gostuje Pelister igra u gostima protiv Burnleya.

ALTONA/VOJVODINA — CLARINDA 4:1 (1:1). Vojvodina je povelu u 8. minutu, ali je onda naglo po-pustila. Igraci su se probudili tek u 60. minutu, kada su za nekoliko sekundi postigli dva gola i grogirali protiv-nika. Strelci: Zivko Jovanovski 3 i Adam Miller. Najbolji igrači: Josip Pavic, Adam Miller i Zivko Jovanovski. Rezerva je pobjedila sa 2:1 (1:0). Oba gola postigao je Pavle Oravec, dok su najbolji igrači bili Charlie Galea, Tony Karanovski i Andrija Stresnjak. U subotu 4. juna Vojvodina igra protiv Moe Unite-da u gostima.

PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV — DIAMOND VALLEY 5:1 (1:0). Tim sa zaelja pregazio je vodoci klub cetvrtne provizionalne divizije. Za uspeh je naj-zasluniji trener i igrač Joe Biro. Od kako se vratilo, Plavi Dunav je postigao dve pobjede i jednu neresenu utakmicu.

AMATERSKO PRVENSTVO

CRVENA ZVEZDA — SALESIAN COLLEGE 3:2 (1:2). Strelci: Ladislav Mutic u 16. i 80. minutu, Vasko Kalapac u 80. minutu. Navalni igrači Zvezde postigli su rekoru u promicanju.

BOSNA — ASSYRIAN EAGLES 8:3 (5:3). Strelci: Ibro Hadziabdic 2, Zoran Djukic 2, Bruno Aleksić, Branko Gavran, Igor Mukavec i Milorad Velickovic po 1. Svi su igrali dobro, ali najviše je odusievio naj-mlađi igrač Zoran Djukic. Rezerva je pobjedila sa 4:0.

U nedjelju 5. juna Bosna je Albanian Eaglesu, a Crvena zvezda gost Lalora.



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THIS SUNDAY JUNE 5



PETER LAUMETS
(South Melbourne)

**SOUTH
MELBOURNE
V
ADELAIDE CITY**
MIDDLE PARK
K.O. 3 pm

Previous Results

'77 0-0

'78 5-0

'79 1-0

'80 2-1

'81 0-0

'82 0-3



STEWART BLAIR
(Adelaide City)



ZORAN ILIOSKI
(Preston)

**PRESTON
V
CANBERRA
ARROWS**
CONNOR RESERVE
K.O. 3 pm

Previous Results

'81 0-1

'82 5-1



DUNCAN COLE
(Canberra Arrows)